



***WHAT ARE THE GENES
REQUIRED TO MAKE A SEED?
IMPORTANCE FOR FOOD,
FUEL, & ENGINEERING NEW
CROPS***

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5/21/08***



Today's Headlines

The New York Times

Los Angeles Times

A Global Need for Grain That Farms Can't Fill

Published: March 9, 2008

Economist.com

High Rice Cost Creating Fears of Asia Unrest

By KEITH BRADSHAW
Published: March 29, 2008

U.S. News & WORLD REPORT

CNN.com

THE FOOD CHAIN

A Drought in Australia, a Global Shortage of Rice

Across Globe, Empty Bellies Bring Rising Anger

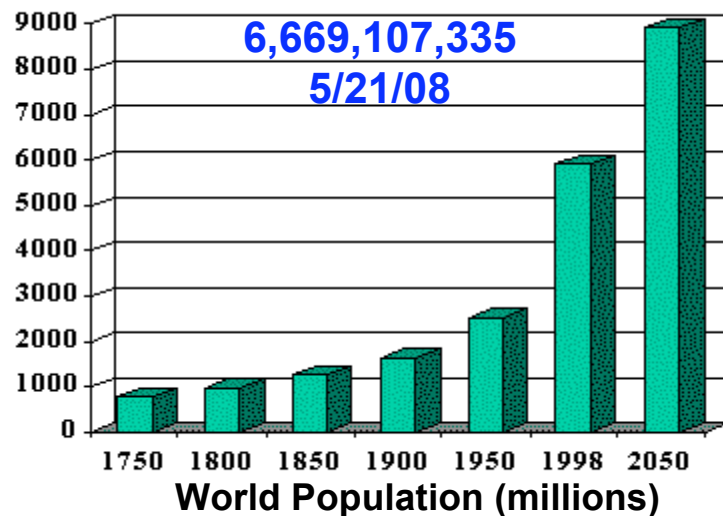
Newsweek

updated 10:42 p.m. EDT, Mon April 14, 2008

Riots, instability spread as food prices skyrocket

The Washington Post

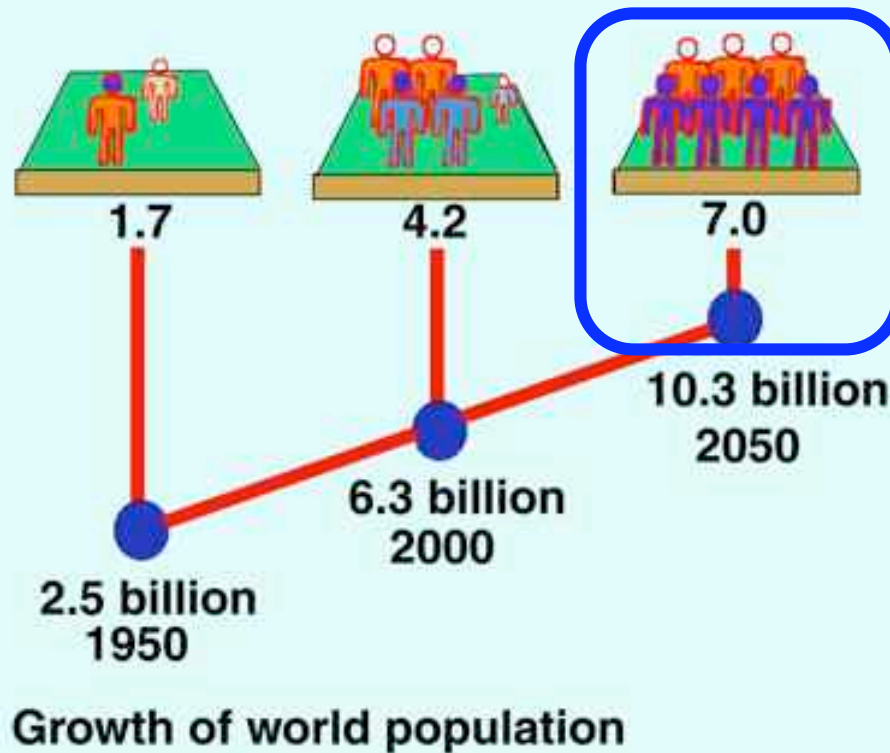
We Face Major Challenges In Agriculture Even Greater Than Those in Today's Headlines



**OVER 50 YEARS WE WILL NEED TO PRODUCE MORE FOOD
THAN IN THE WHOLE OF HUMAN HISTORY -- AND DO IT ON THE
SAME (or less) AMOUNT OF ARABLE LAND!!!!**

There is a Limited Amount of Agricultural Land in the World

One hectare has to feed more and more people



Without Increases in Crop Yield We Will Need to Farm Every “Square Inch” of Land on the Earth To Feed Our Growing Population !!!

Aerial Photograph of UCLA in 1929

There Were 18,000 Farms in Los Angeles County in 1930!!!

***From 1901 to 1950 Los Angeles County Was the Largest Agricultural Producing County in the US!!!
By Contrast, There Were Only 1,800 Farms in Yolo County!!***

Bel-Air

Beverly Hills

Farms!!

Sunset Blvd.



Hilgard Blvd.

Westwood Blvd.

Today's Lecture

***Original Agricultural College
and Citrus/Avocado Orchard***

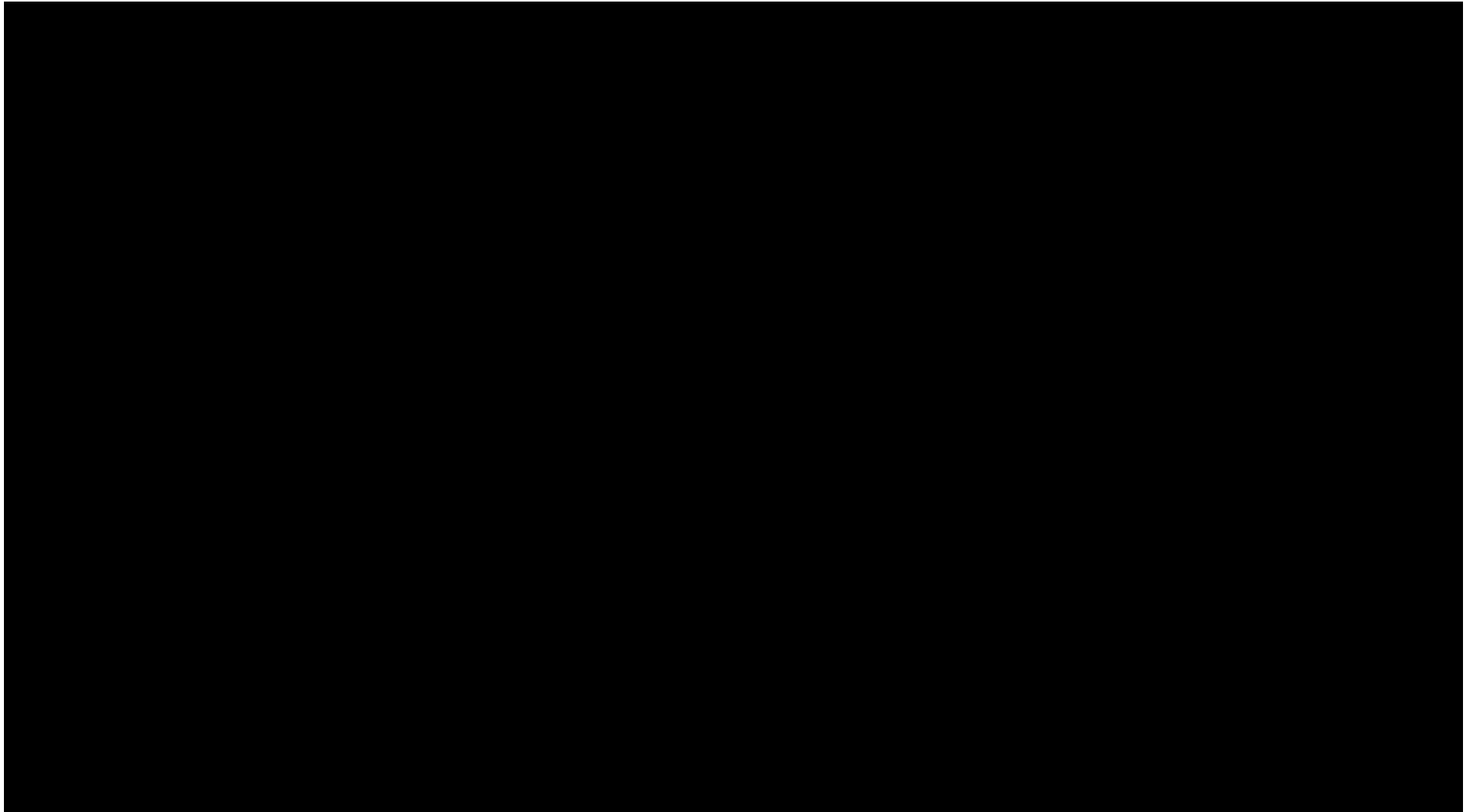
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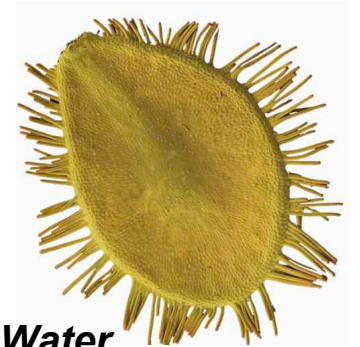
Aerial Photograph of UCLA in 2008



*And.....There's Also A Problem With Using Land For
Energy Production.....*



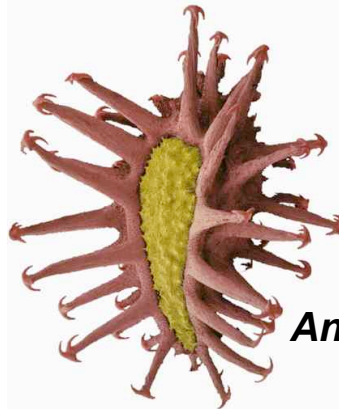
So.....Why Seeds??



Water



Wind



Animals



***Seeds Protect and Disperse Plant Embryos
and Come in Many Shapes and Sizes!***

Seeds Are Used in Many Ways as Food, Beverages, Spices, and Fuels!



Beans



Peas



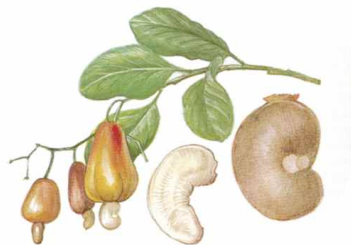
Wheat



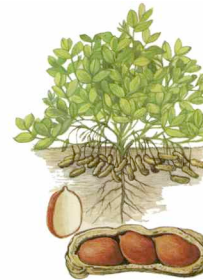
Corn



Coconut



Cashew Nuts



Peanuts



Pecans



Cocoa Beans



Coffee Beans



Nutmeg



Mustard

Most Importantly..... Our Food is Derived From Fourteen Crops & Over Half Produce Seeds For Human and Animal Consumption

Seed Crops



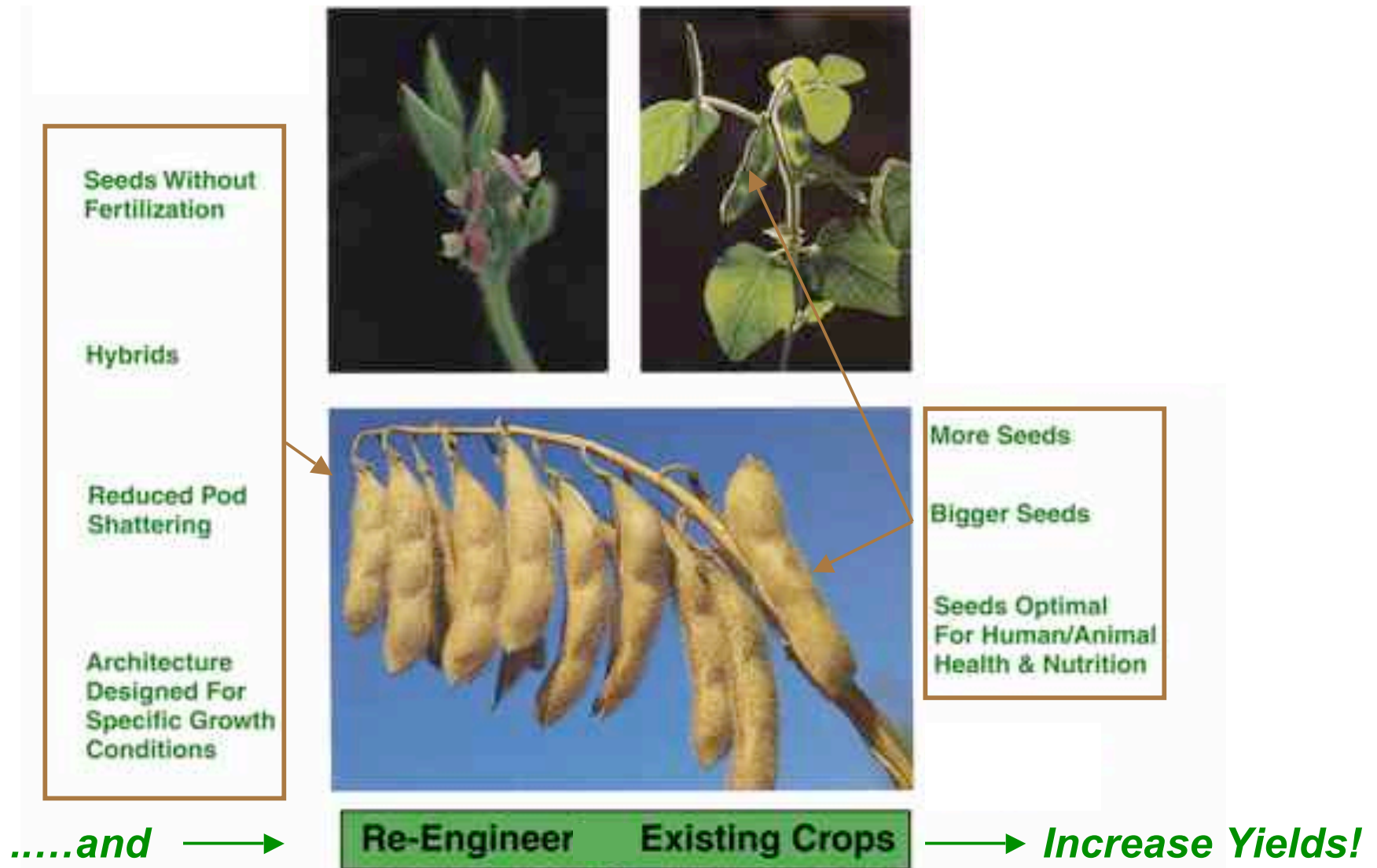
- ***Wheat***
- ***Rice***
- ***Corn***
- ***Barley***
- ***Sorghum***
- ***Soybean***
- ***Common Bean***
- ***Coconut***

Non-Seed Crops

- ***Potato***
- ***Sweet Potato***
- ***Cassava***
- ***Sugar Beet***
- ***Sugar Cane***
- ***Banana***

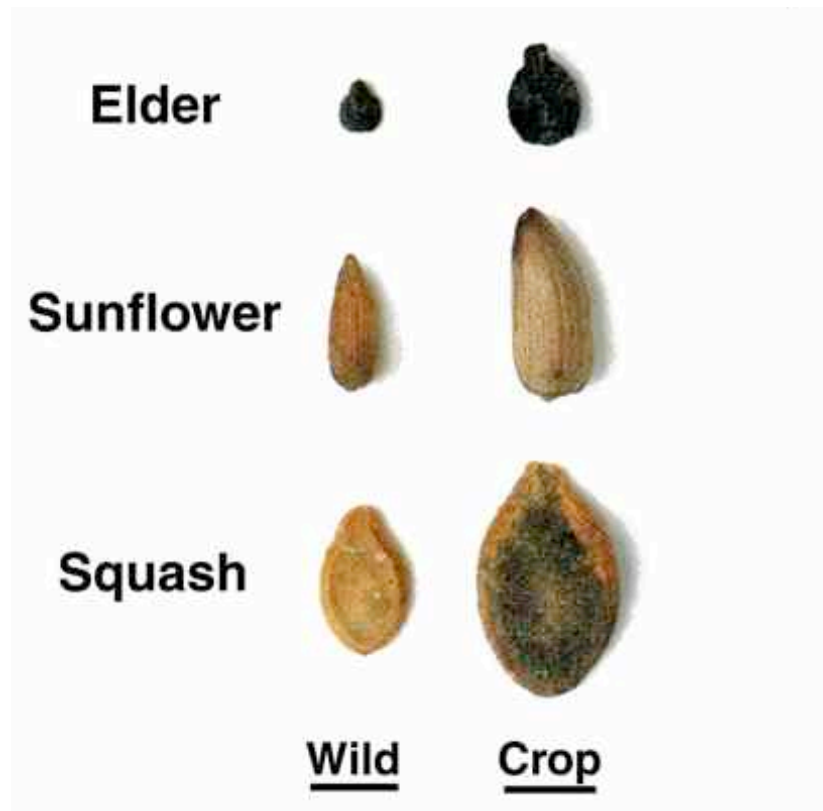
In Some World Populations 75% of Calories Are Derived From Seeds!

So....How Can Seed Yields Be Improved?
Use a Variety of Approaches To Identify Genes Critical For
Fundamental Seed Processes (Yo!!-It's the Yield That Counts!)

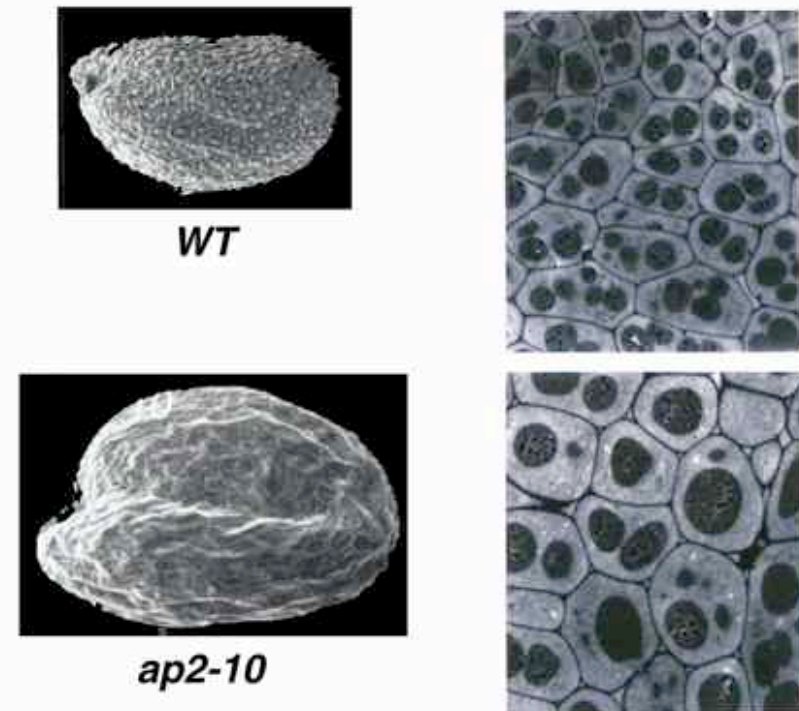


Engineering For Seed Yield Is Not New

Engineering Bigger Seeds 10,000 Years Ago



Engineering Bigger Seeds Today

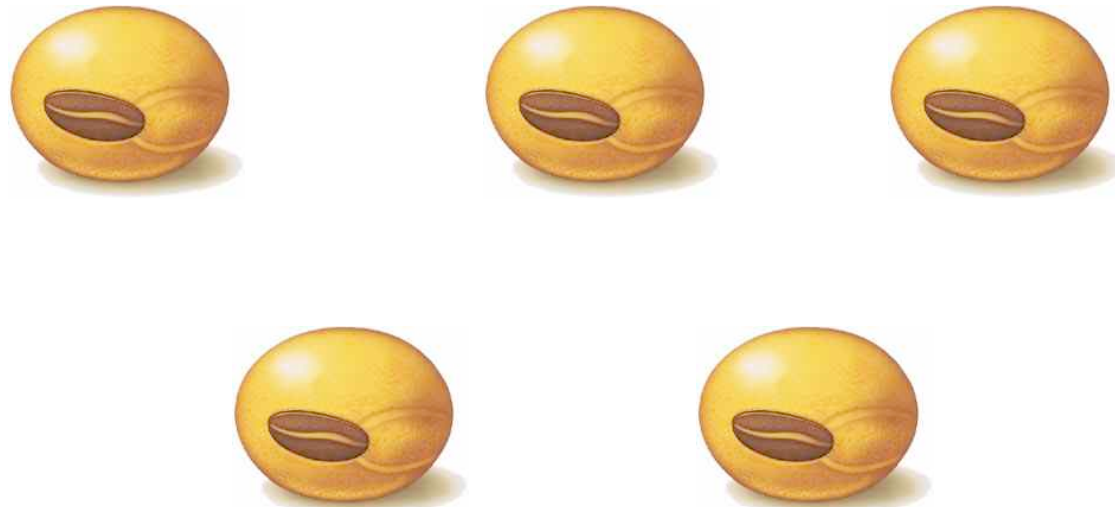


But Need to Identify the Critical Genes

Our American Ancestors, 10,000 BC

Jofuku et al., PNAS, 2005

How Is a Seed Formed?



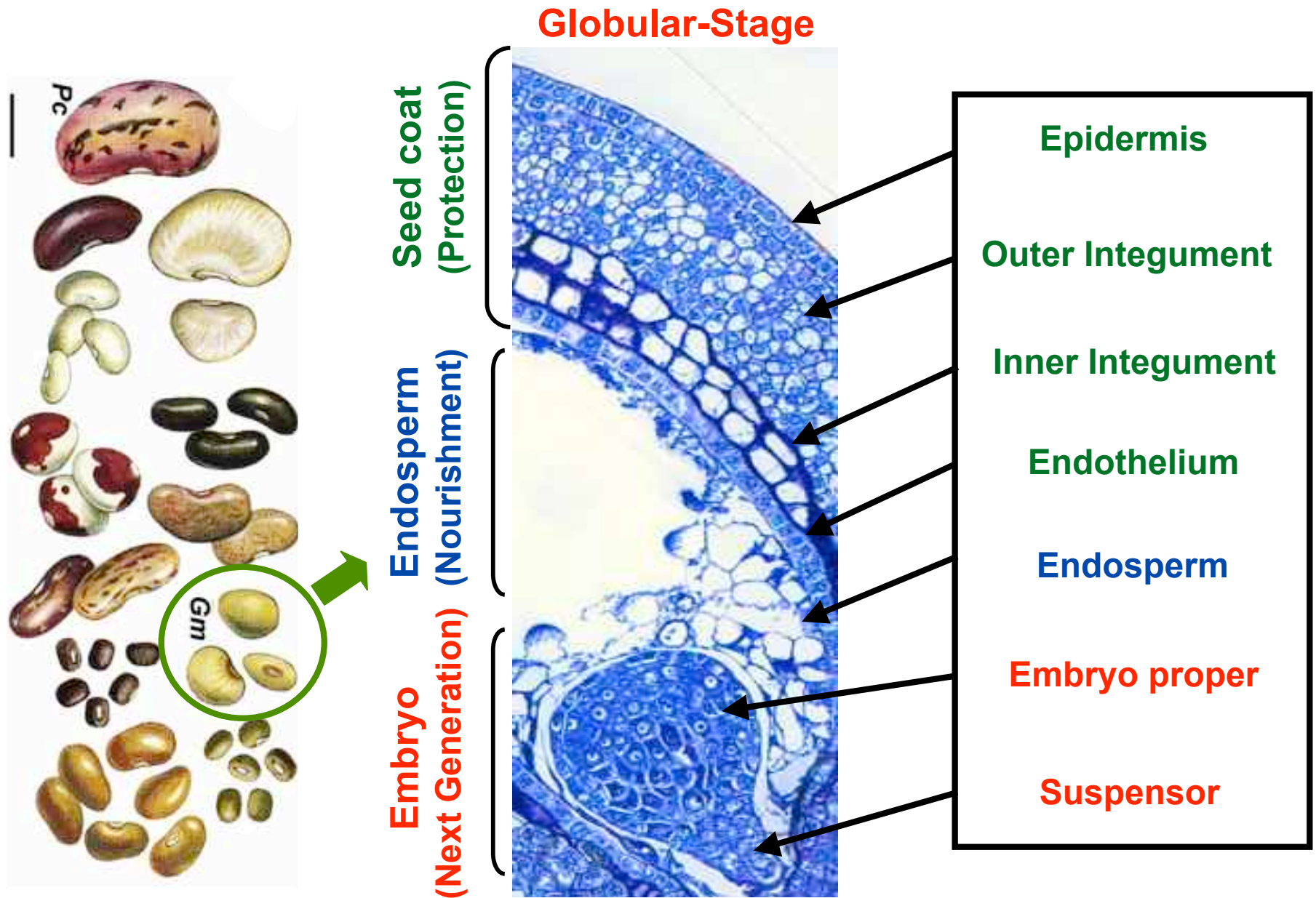
***Remember..... a Seed Contains the Mature, Dormant Embryo
That is the Next Plant Generation***

In the Beginning....

Seed

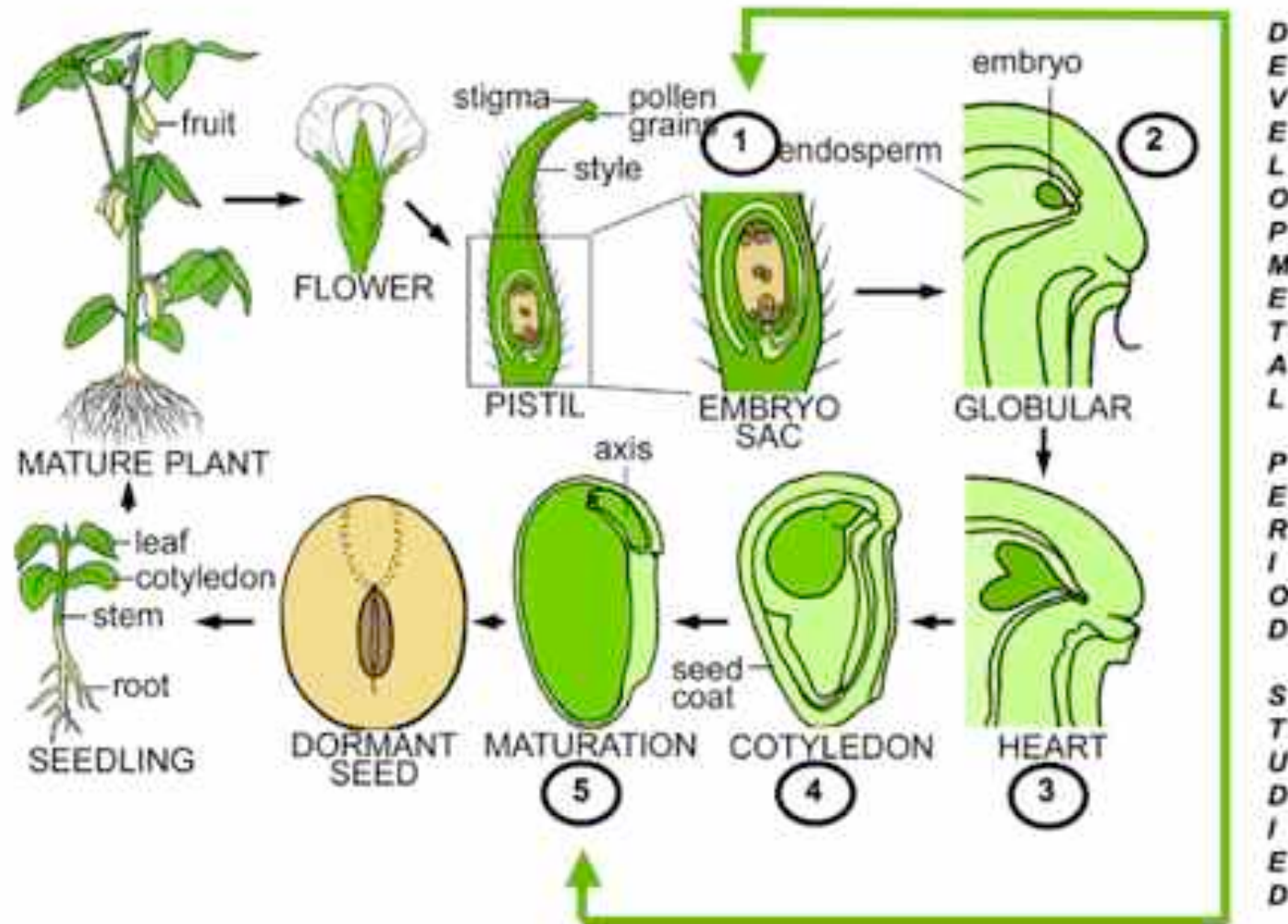


What Are the Genes Required to Make a Seed?

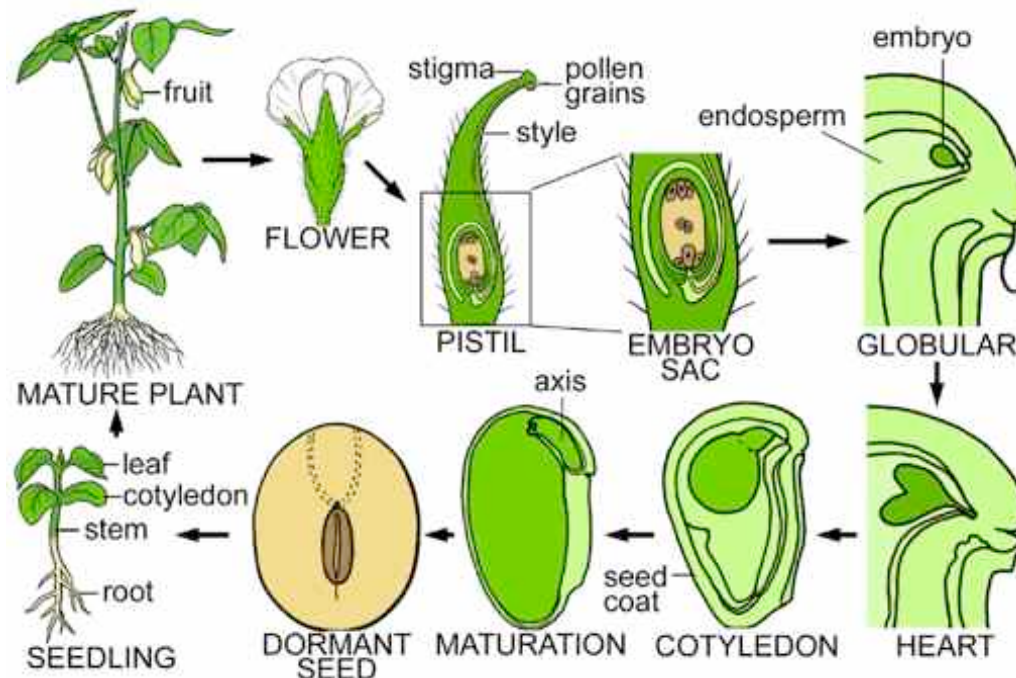


And How Are They Wired in a Plant Genome?

More Specifically.....What Are The Genes Required to Program Every Compartment, Tissue, and Cell Type During Seed Development?



Major Seed Biology Questions Discussed Today



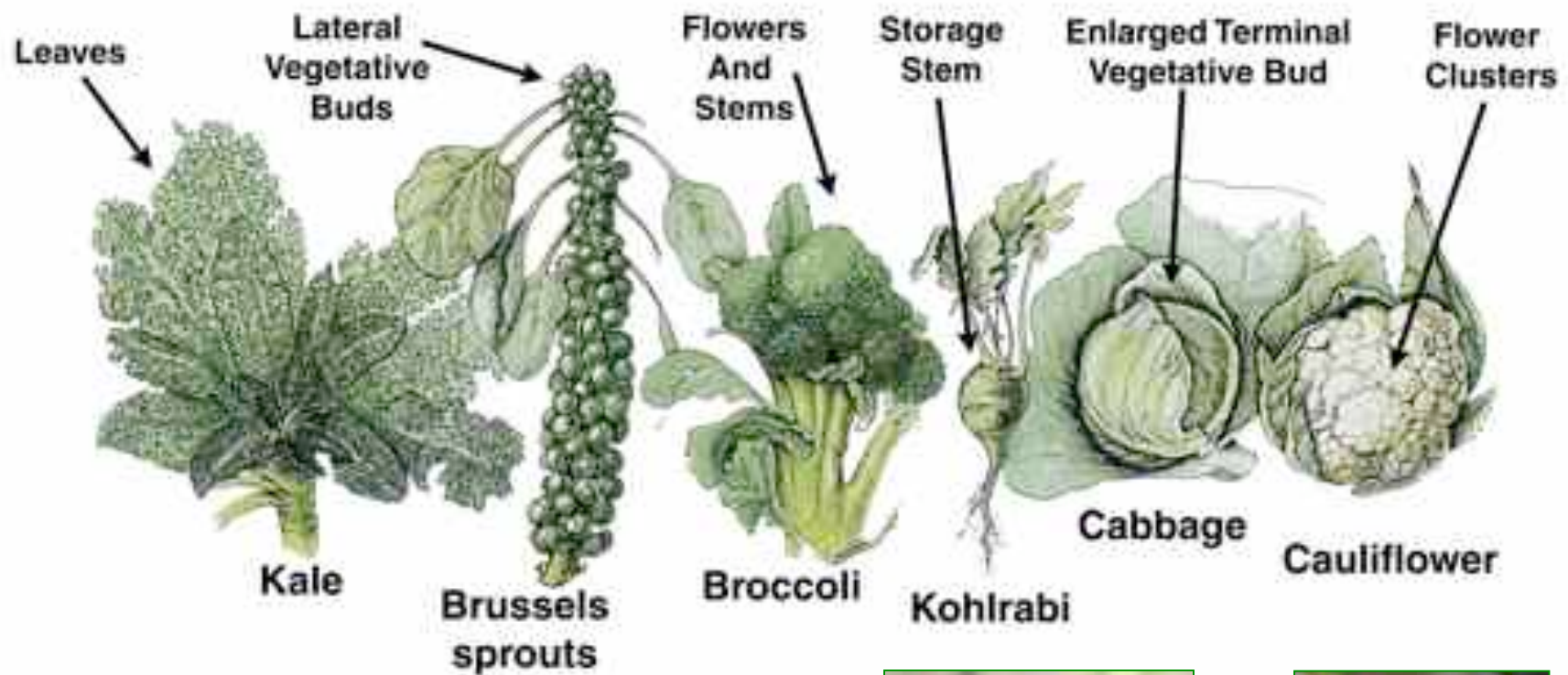
- *What Is the Nature of Seed-Specific Regulators?*
- *How Many Genes Required to Make an Entire Seed?*
- *What DNA Sequences Are Required For Seed Region-Specific Transcription?*

Using a Model Plant To Uncover Genes Important For Seed Development



Arabidopsis - A Model “Crop” and Relative of.....

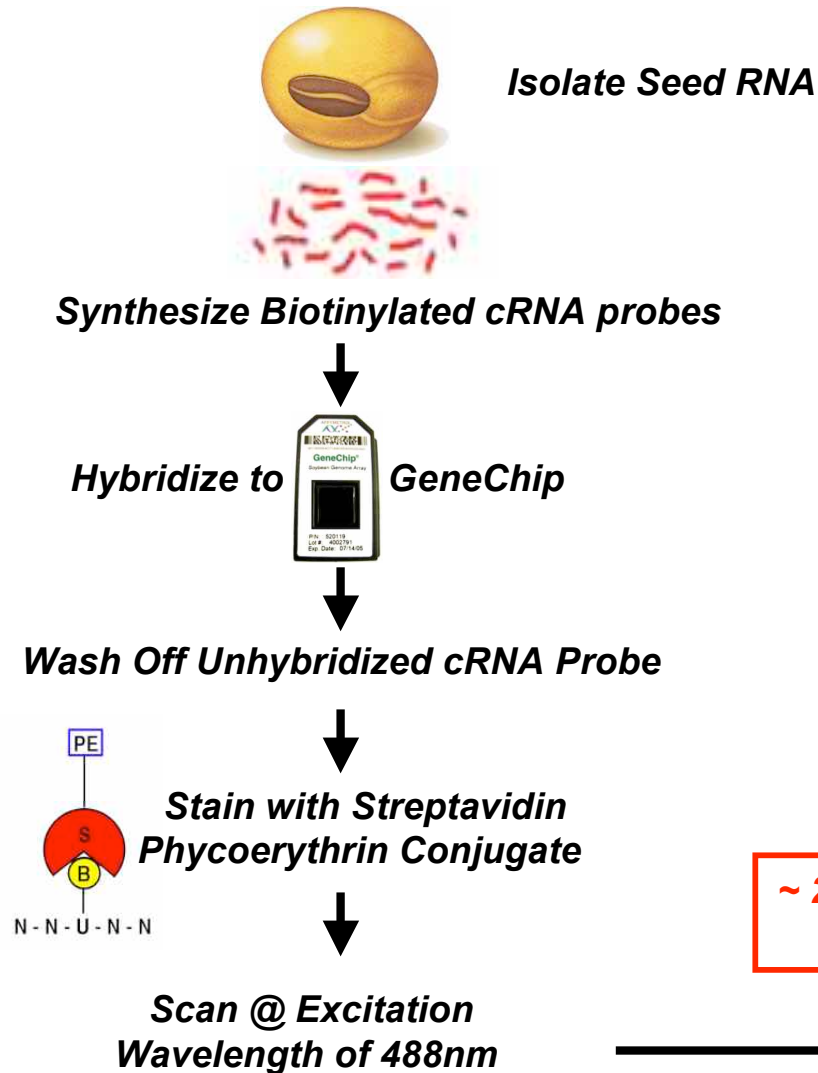
.....Broccoli, Cauliflower, Cabbage, and Brussels Sprouts



.....Brassicas or Crucifers

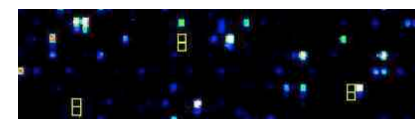
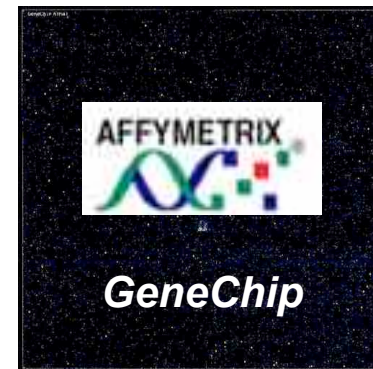
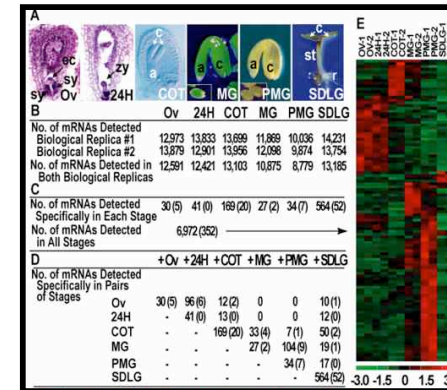


Using Genomics & GeneChips to Analyze mRNA Populations



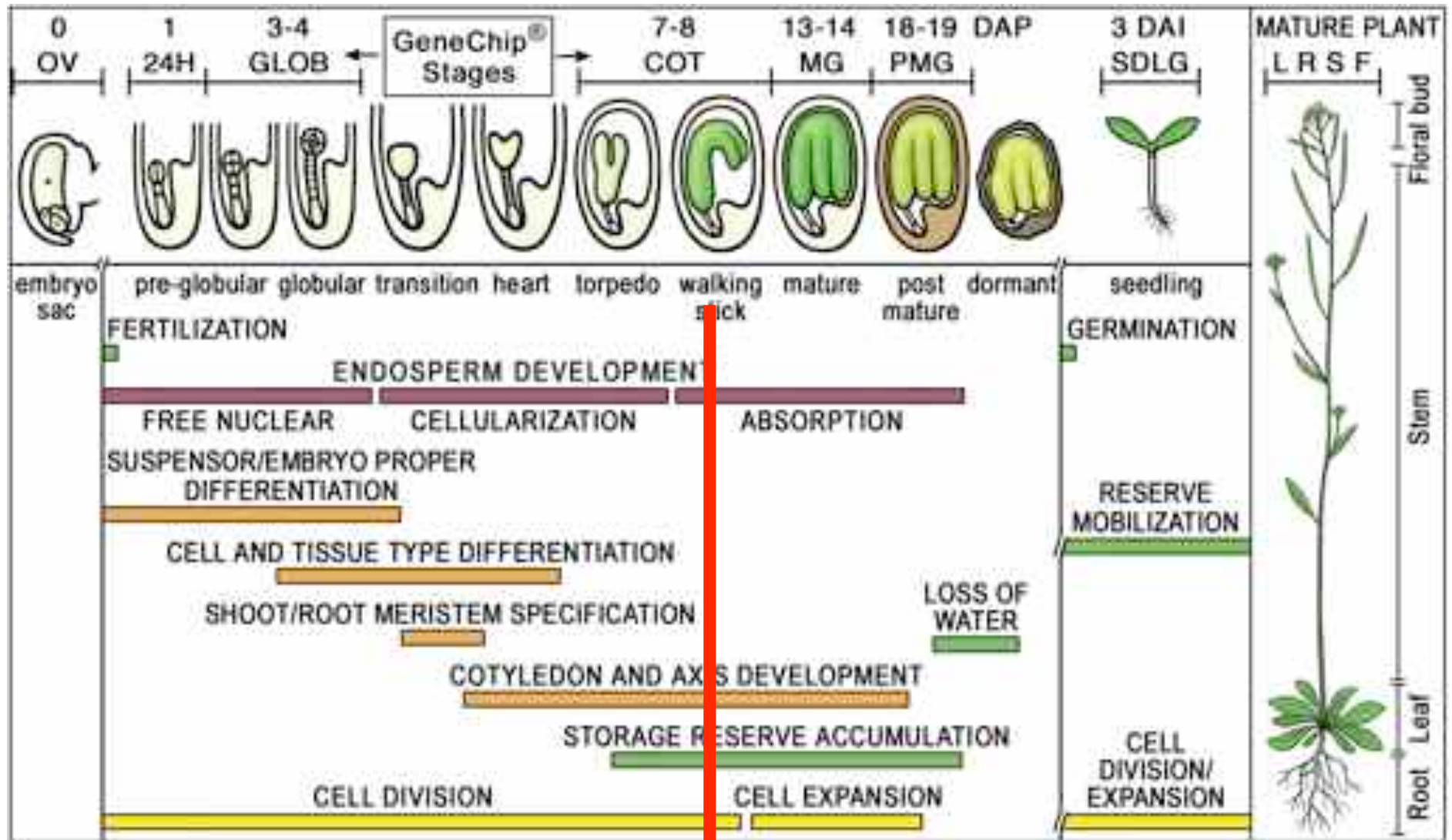
**~ 22,800 Arabidopsis Genes
(~82% of Genome)**

**~ 30,000 Soybean Genes
(~50% of Genome)**



**(Eleven 25-mer/gene)
Scattered probe pairs**

Genome-Wide Profiling of mRNAs During the Entire Arabidopsis Life Cycle



Differentiation

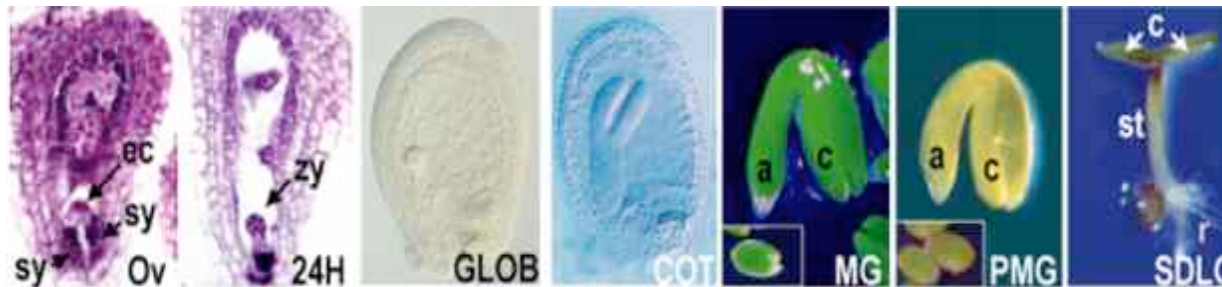
Prepare For Dormancy & Germination

Gene Activity Before, During, And After Arabidopsis Seed Development

ov-1
ov-2
24h-1
24h-2
glob-1
glob-2
cot-1
cot-2
sdlg-1
sdlg-2
mg-1
mg-2
pmg-1
pmg-2



SEED DEVELOPMENT



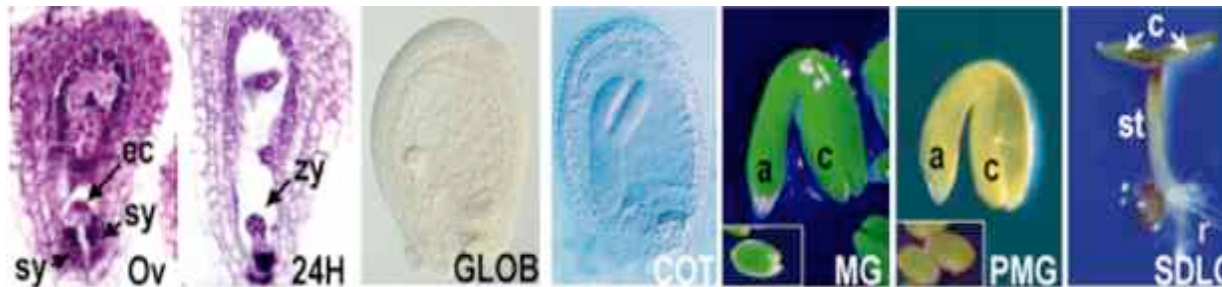
	OV	24H	GLOB	COT	MG	PMG	SDLG
Total mRNAs	12,591	12,421	13,722	13,103	10,875	8,779	13,185
TF mRNAs	999	995	1,089	1,051	851	699	1,016
Unique mRNAs	22	16	100	50	26	31	505
Unique TFs	4	0	17	9	4	6	57
Shared mRNAs (TFs)	6,937 (477)	→					

<http://estdb.biology.ucla.edu/genechip>

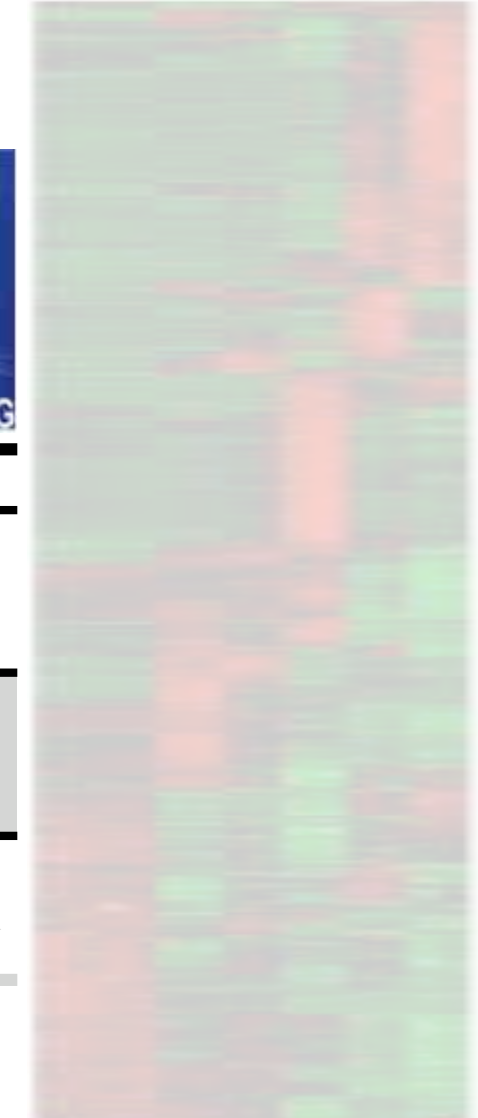
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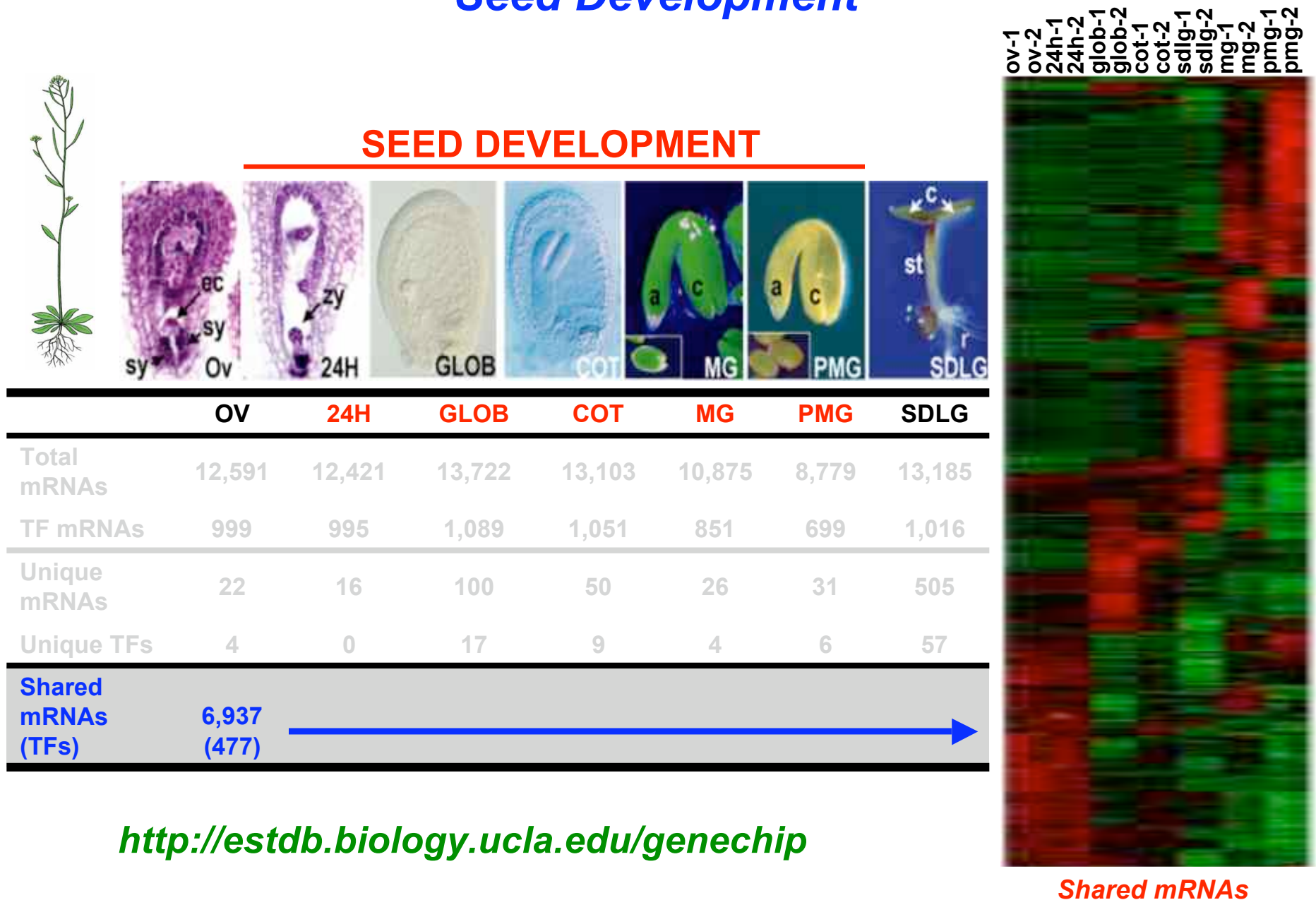
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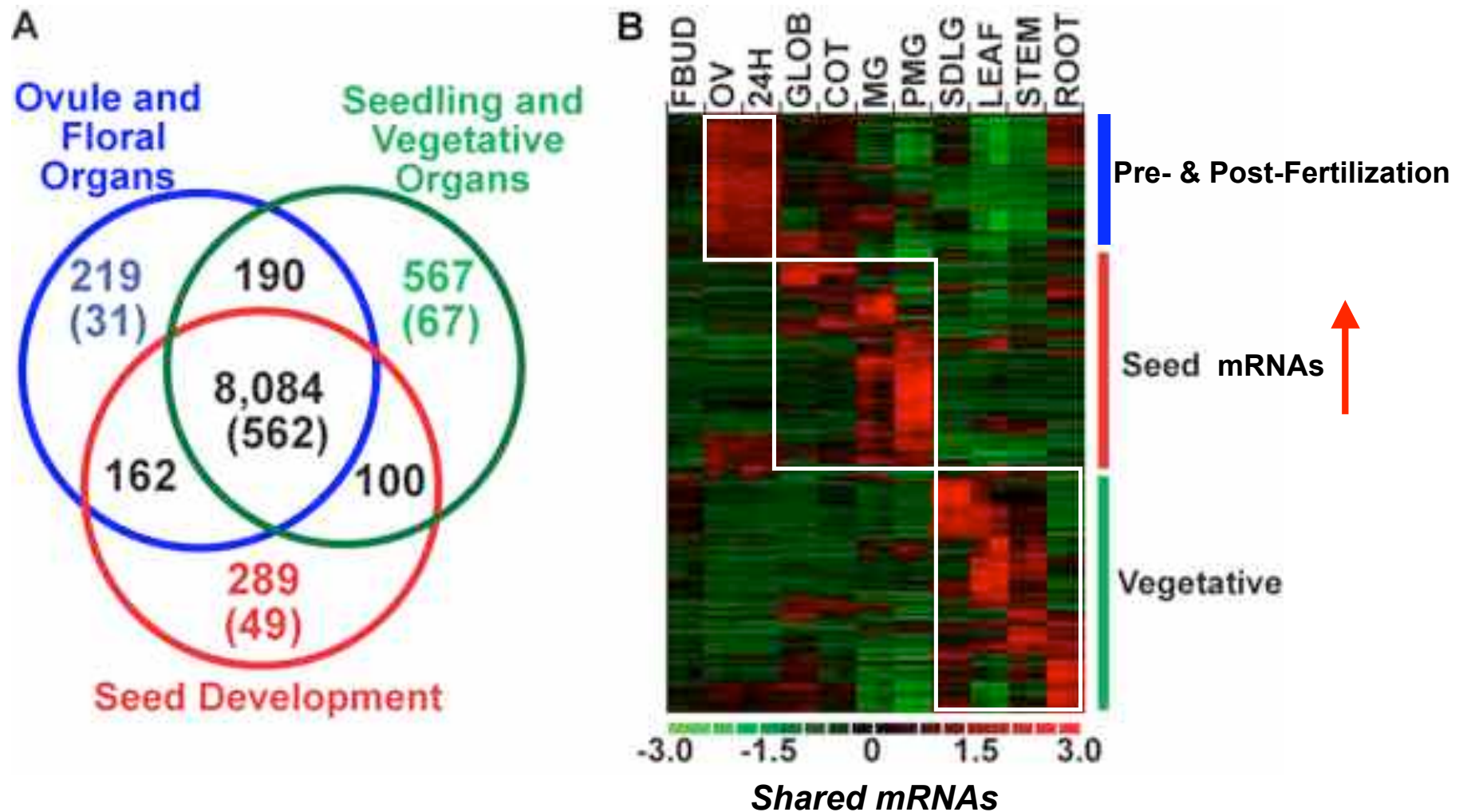




***Are There Seed-Specific Genes That May Play a
Critical Role in Programming Seed Development?***



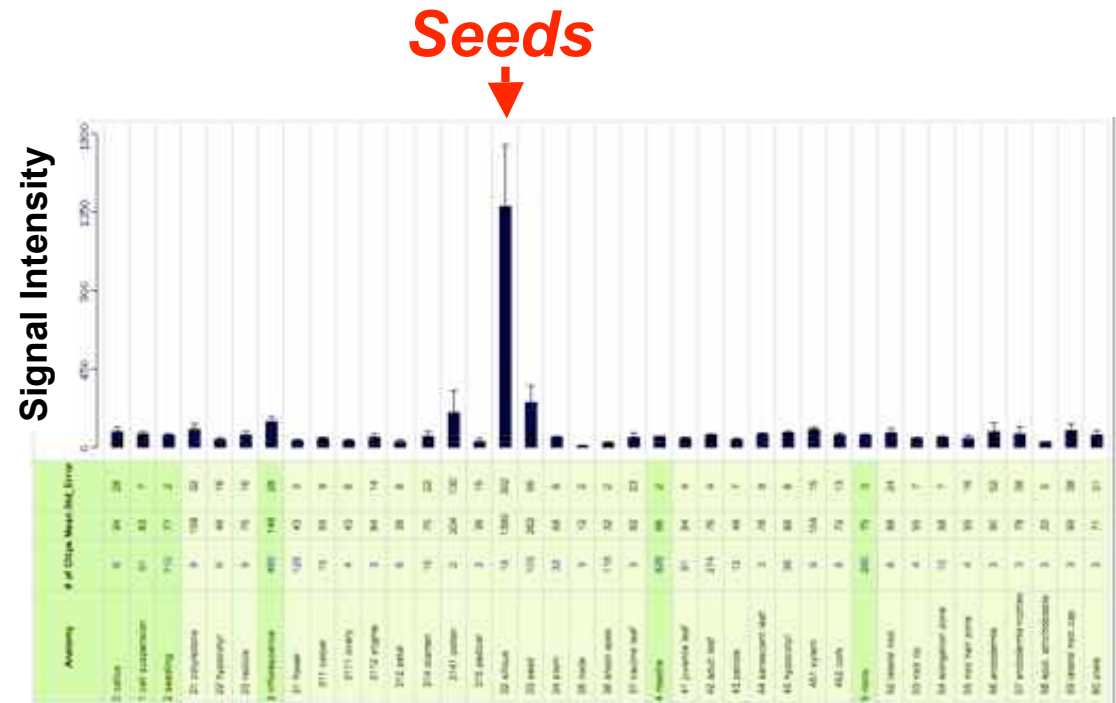
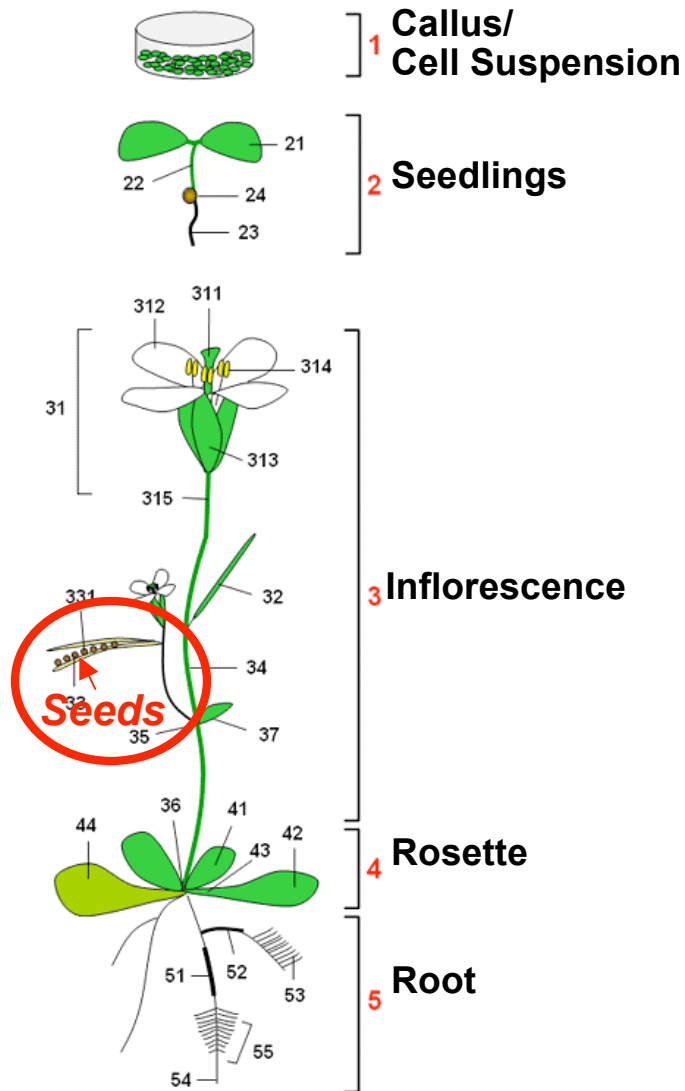
Identification of Seed-Specific mRNAs in the Arabidopsis Life Cycle



...at the GeneChip Level!!

() Indicates number of transcription factor mRNAs

Validation of “Seed-Specific” Genes Using Public Microarray Data



>2,500 Sets of Public Microarray Data

<http://www.genevestigator.ethz.ch/at>

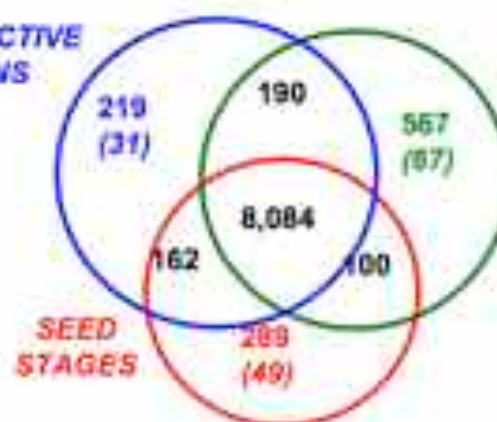
Majority of Seed-Specific Genes are Seed-Specific Compared to All Available Public Microarray Data Set!!

Identification of "Seed-Specific" Transcription Factor mRNAs

	ABI2-VP1
(G,C)	• LEC2
(G,C,M,PM)	• FUS3
(C,M)	B3 Family TF
	AP2EREBP
(PM)	• AP2 Domain Protein
(C,M,PM)	Aintegumenta-Like 7
	ARF
(G)	• ARF21
	ARR-B
(G,C)	ARR19
(C)	• ARR21 / ARR13
(24H,G,C,M,PM)	• ARR22
	AS2
(C,M)	LOB Domain Protein 18
(G)	LOB Domain Protein 35
	AtX-IAA
(24H,G,C,M)	IAA31
	Basic Leucine Zipper
(C,M,PM)	• AthZIP67; DPBF2
(C)	• AthZIP72
(G,C)	AthZIP15
	CCAAT-Box
(G,C)	• LEC1
(G,C,M)	• L1L
(G)	HAP5A-Like
	Heat Shock
(G,C)	• HSF1-Like
(PM)	• Heat Shock TF

* Mutation in these genes affects or disrupts embryo/seed development (13)

REPRODUCTIVE
ORGANS



SEEDLING &
VEGETATIVE
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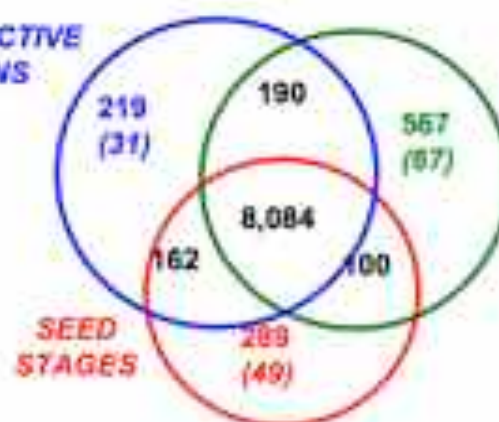
	Homeobox
(G,C,M)	Homeodomain Protein
(G,C)	• ATML1-Like
(G,C)	• Homeodomain Protein
	MADS-Box
(M,PM)	• MADS-Box TF
(M,PM)	• MADS-Box TF
(G,C)	AGL33
(G)	AGL35
(G)	AGL36
(G)	AGL45
(G)	AGL57
(G)	AGL91
	MYB
(M,PM)	AtMYB107
(C)	• Myb-Related Protein
(PM)	• AtMYB67; AtY53
(G,C)	• Myb-Related Protein

* Mutation in these genes affects or disrupts embryo/seed development (7)

(G,C)	Myb-Related Protein
	NAC Domain
(C)	No Apical Meristem (NAM)
	Polycomb Group
(M)	• MEDEA
(PM)	CCHC-Type Family Protein
	WRKY
(G)	• WRKY10; MIND
	Zinc Finger
(C,M,PM)	• PE11
(G)	C2H2-Type Zinc Finger
(G,C)	C2H2-Type Zinc Finger
(G,C)	C3HC4-Type RING Finger
(G)	C3HC4-Type RING Finger
(G,C)	Dof-Type Zinc Finger
(24H,G)	RABBIT EARS (RBE)
	Unclassified
(C)	SAP; Sterile Apetala

Seed Stages: 24H, 24Hr Post-Pollination; G, Globular; C, Cotyledon; M, Mature Green; PM, Postmature Green

Identification of "Seed-Specific" Transcription Factor mRNAs

SEEDLING &
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ORGANS

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SEED STAGES

	ABD-VT
(G.C) *	LEC2
(G.M) *	PuG2
(C.M) *	B2 Family TF
	APC2B2P
(PM) *	AP2 Domain Protein
(M.PM) *	Asialoglycine-Like 7
	ARF
(M) *	ARF21
	ASB-2
(G.C) *	ASB18
(C) *	ASB21 / ASB22
(M.PM) *	ASB12
	AS2
(C.M) *	LOD Domain Protein 18
(C) *	LOD Domain Protein 32
	ATG4A
(G.C.M) *	AAH1
	Basic Leucine Zipper
(M.PM) *	ADZF12, DDF2
(C) *	ADZPT2
(G.C) *	ADZPT1
	CCAAT-Box
(G.C) *	LEC1
(G.C.M) *	L1L
(C) *	HAPTA-Like
	Heat Shock
(G.C) *	HSPs-Like
(PM) *	Heat Shock TF

^a Mutation in *flv* gene affects or disrupts embryonic development (T3)

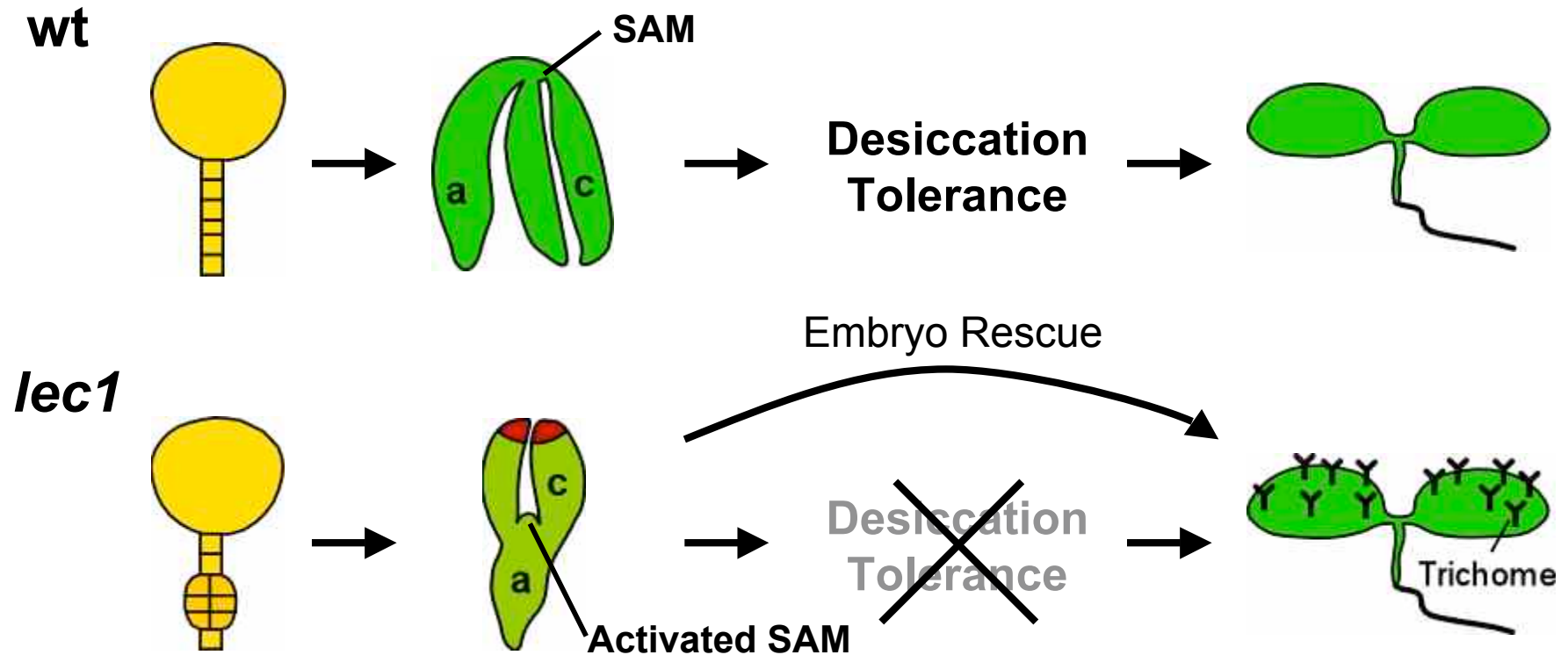
	Hyperphosphorylation
(S,C,R)	Hyperphosphorylation Promotes
(S,C)	* ATRNL1-2Ser
(S,C)	* Hyperphosphorylation Promotes
	-S4222-Ser
(R,P,W)	* M4225-Ser TP
(R,P,W)	* M4225-Ser TP
(S,C)	AOL35
(S)	AOL35
(S)	AOL35
(S)	AOL45
(S)	AOL27
(S)	AOL29
	MYB
(R,P,W)	AOLY1012
(C)	* Myb-Related Protein
(P,W)	* AOLY1017, AOLY12
(S,C)	* Myb-Related Protein

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(SCC)	Nucleoside Phosphorylase
	SAC Domain
(IC)	Ribonuclease H1 (RNH1) Polymerase Group
(H)	* HELICA
(CP)	CCHC-Type Family Protein WRKY
(P)	* WRKY2, WRKY Zinc Finger
(CASP)	* FEN1
(F)	C2G-Type Zinc Finger
(CC)	C2G-Type Zinc Finger
(CC)	C2HCa-Type RING Finger
(C)	C2HCa-Type RING Finger
(LC)	Dcl Type Zinc Finger
(SHD)	GAD67-LIKE SHD Disordered
(C)	LAP, Sterile Alpha

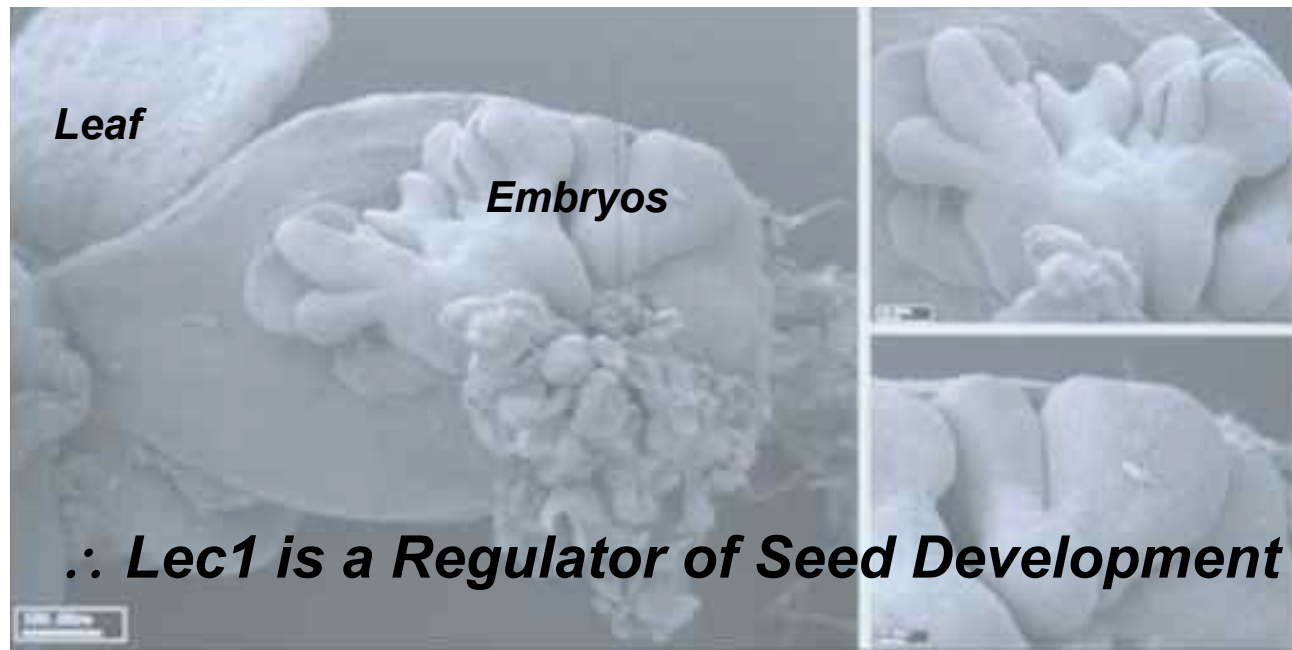
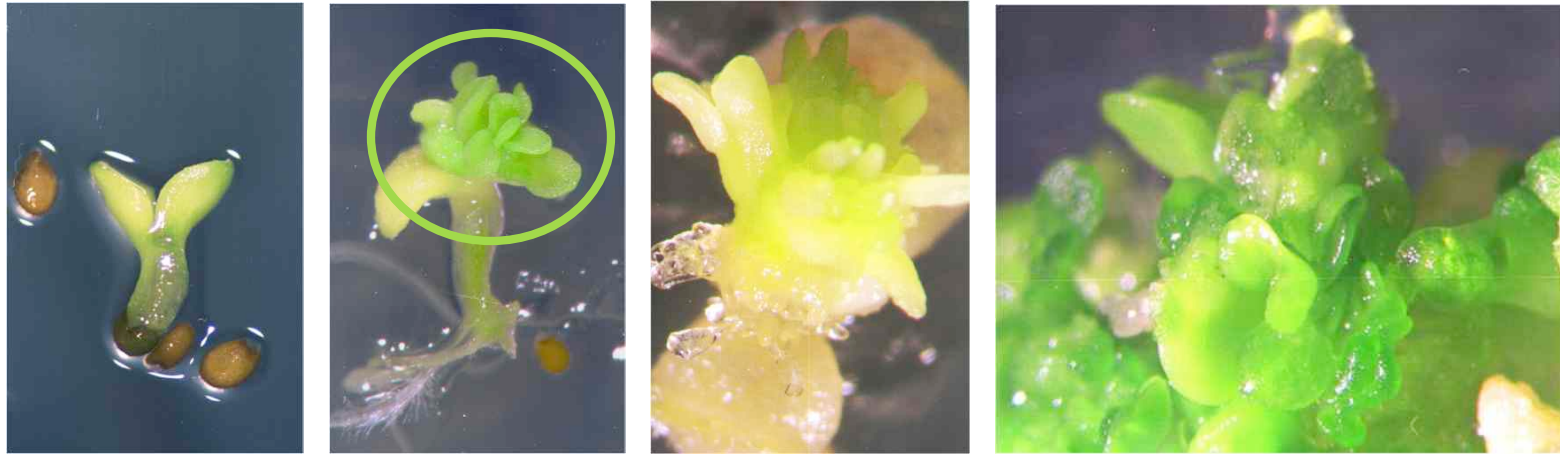
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leafy cotyledon1 (lec1) Mutants Disrupt Seed Development



- *Suppression of Suspensor Embryonic Potential*
- *Development of Cotyledon Identity*
- *Initiation and Maintenance of Seed Maturation*
- *Inhibition Germination*

Lec1 Induces Embryo Development on Engineered Leaves!!



Lotan et al., Cell, 1998; Lee et al., PNAS, 2003; Kwong et al., Plant Cell, 2003

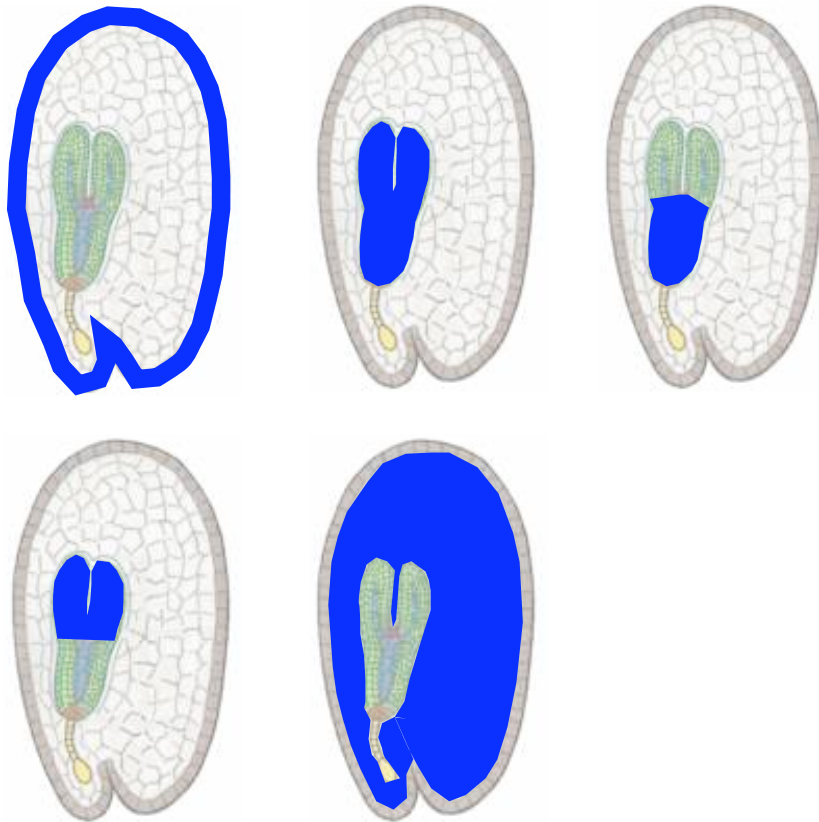
Where Are Seed-Specific Genes Active Within the Seed?

Chimeric Reporter Gene

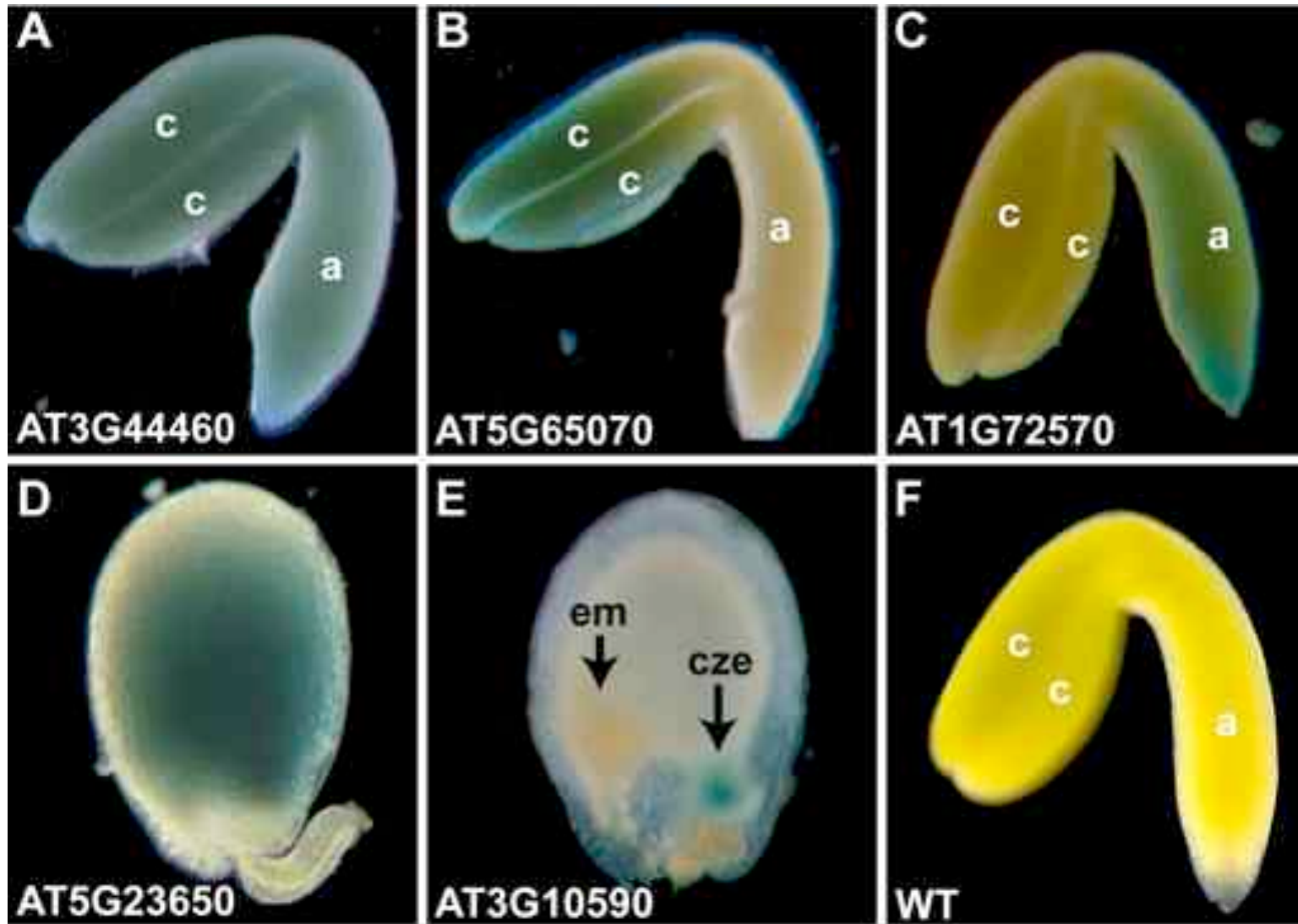
Transform Arabidopsis



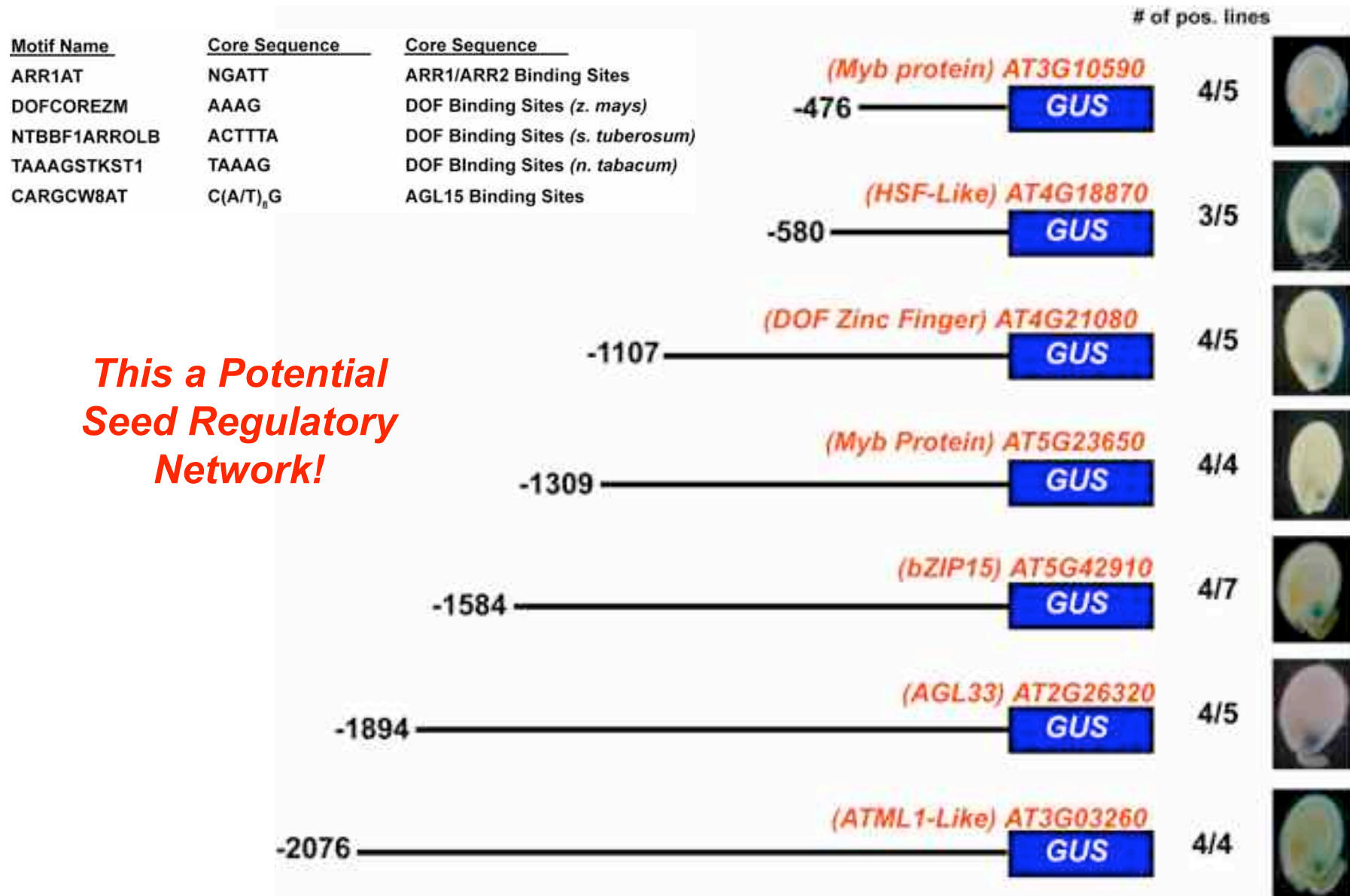
Observe Promoter Activity



Transcriptional Patterns of Seed-Specific Transcription Factor Upstream Regulatory Region



What Transcription Factor Genes Are Active in the Chalazal Endosperm?

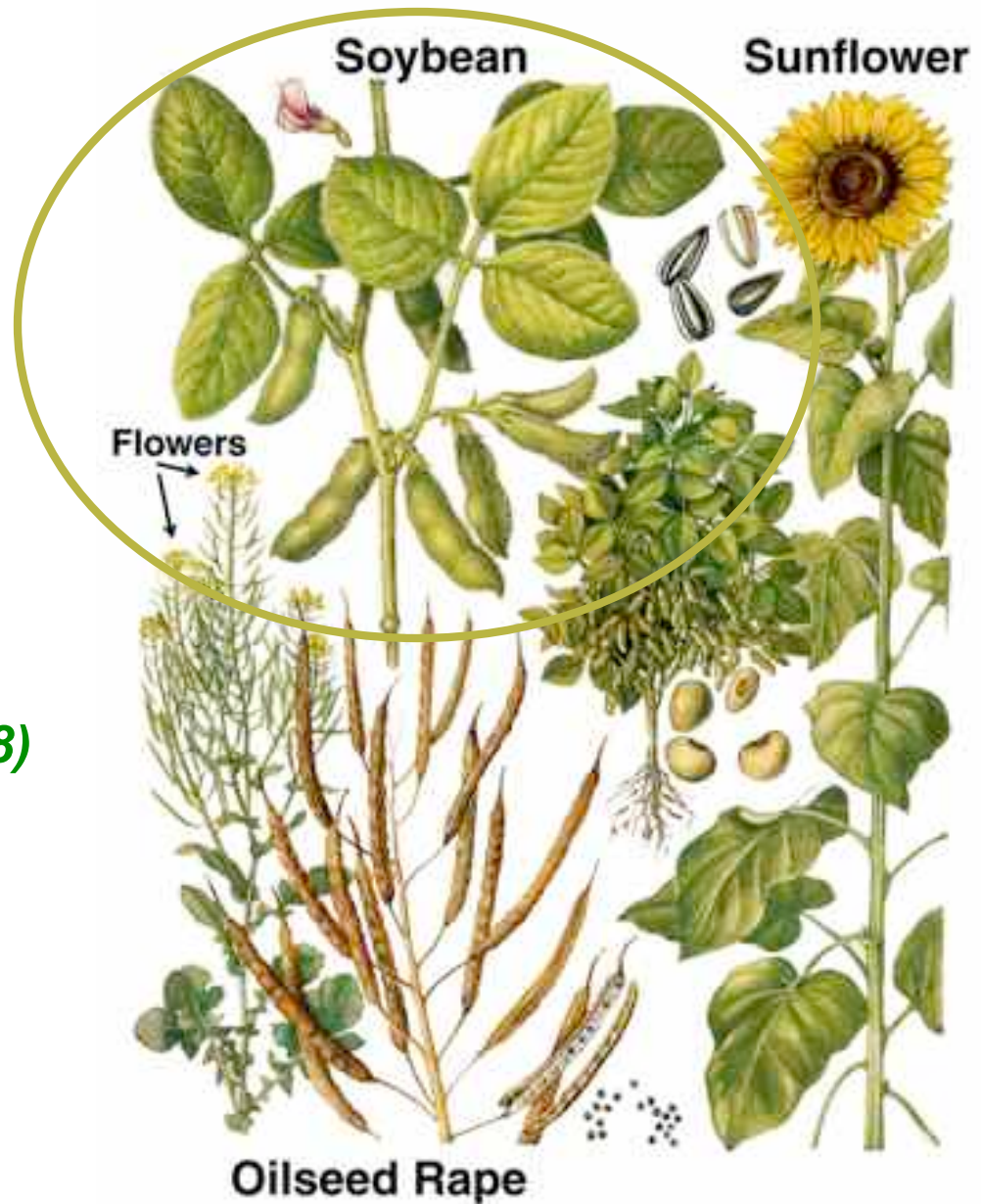


“Making A Globular Stage Soybean Seed”

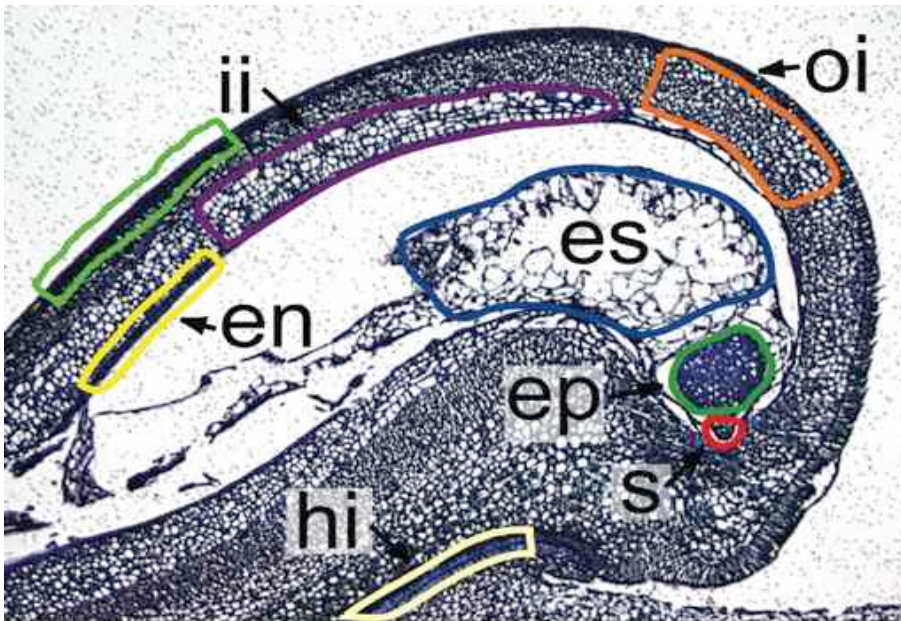
Diversity of Oil Seed Plants

Why Soybean?

- *Second Major US Crop*
- *Major Food Source*
- *Major Biofuel Source*
- *Excellent Model Plant*
- *Genome Sequenced (2008)*
- *Major Funding Source*

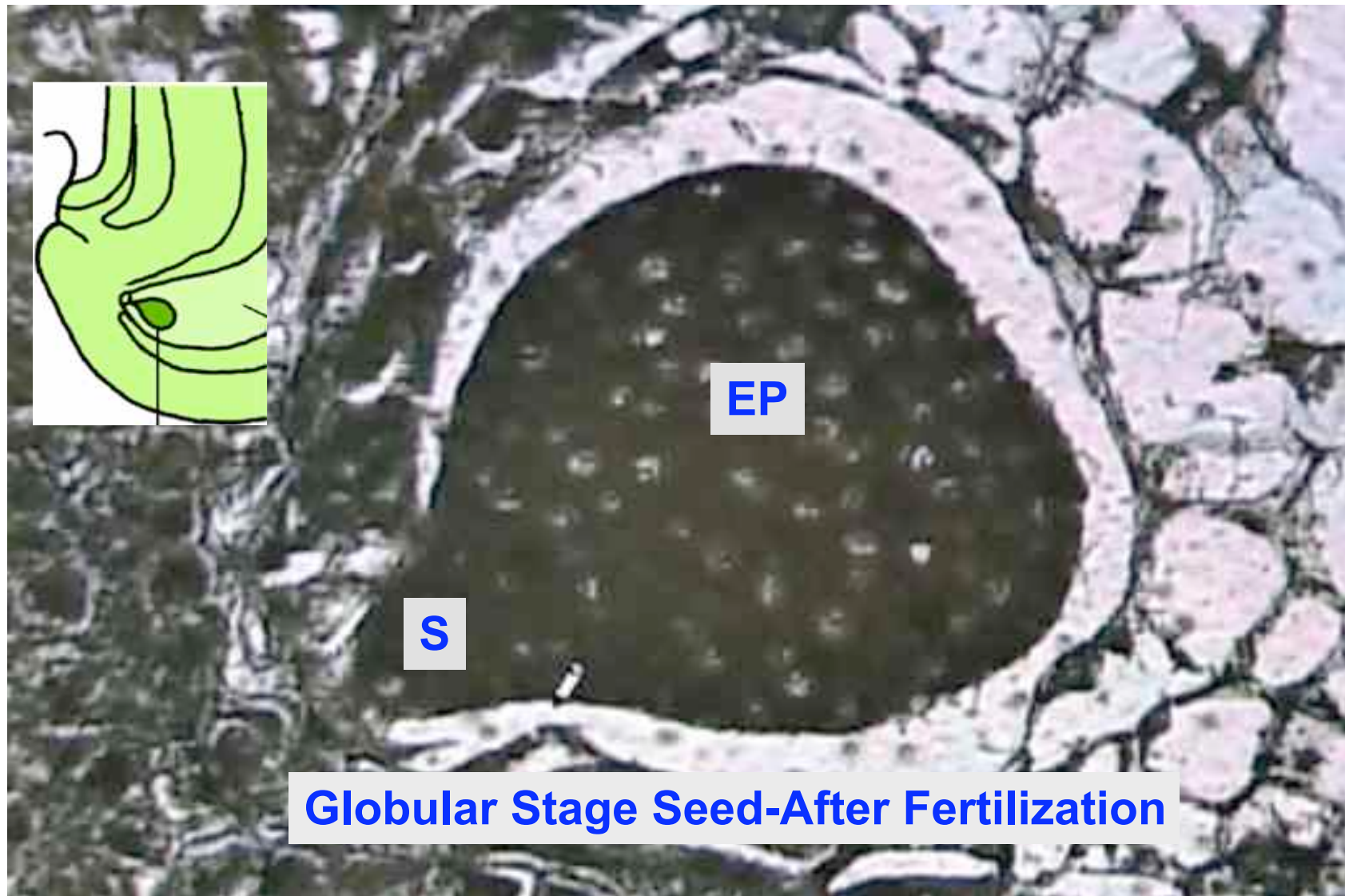


How Can We Profile Gene Activity in All Seed Compartments, Regions, & Tissues?



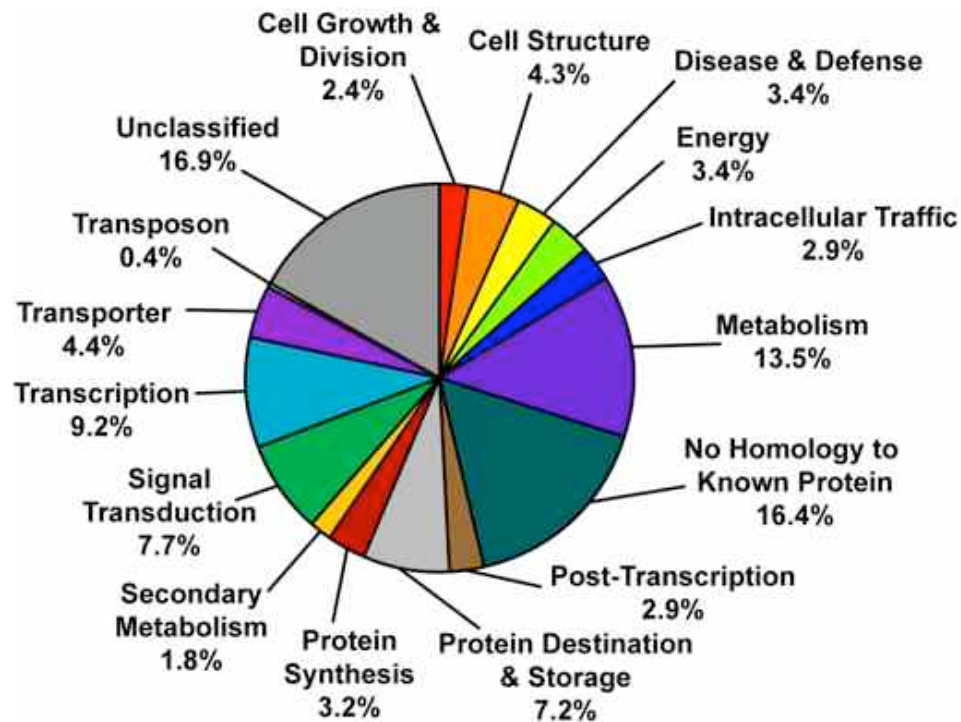
***Combine Laser Capture Microdissection
(LCM) Technologies With Genomics
Approaches.***

Using Laser Capture Microdissection (LCM) & Soybean GeneChips to Investigate Gene Activity In Seeds

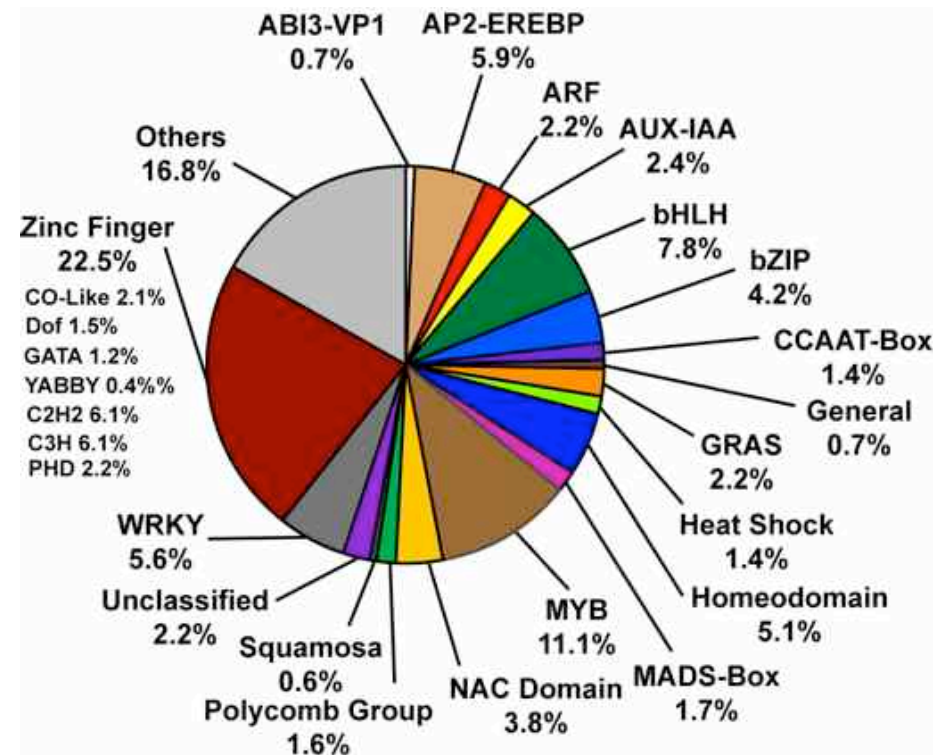


Spectrum of Gene Sequences Represented on the Soybean Affymetrix EST GeneChip (2007)

Functional Categories



Transcription Factors



~2,800 TF Transcripts

Contains Probe Sets Representing 38,000 Soybean Transcripts
 (~30,000 Clusters/~23,000 Predicted cDNAs) Derived From ~85 cDNA Libraries
 From Plant Regions and Multiple Developmental Stages
 (Not a Whole Genome Chip)





About

Click here to learn about the Seed Gene project.

Browse

Click here to browse the gene expression profiles of different compartments in Soybean and Arabidopsis seed at different developmental stages.

Analyze

Click here to compare gene activity in different Soybean and Arabidopsis seed compartments.

Blast

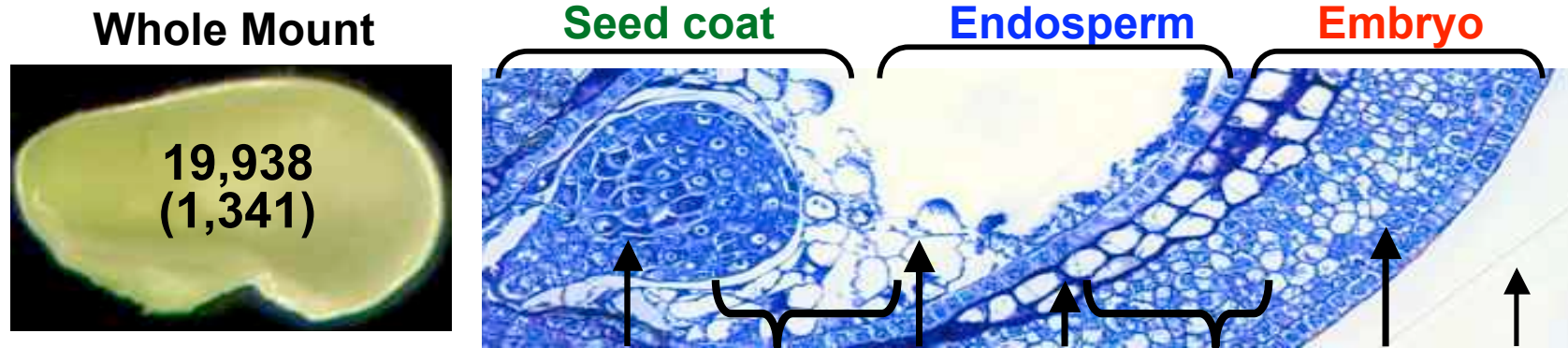
Click here to BLAST your sequence against target sequences on the GeneChip arrays and view the seed expression pattern related to your sequence.



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WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN

<http://estdb.biology.ucla.edu/seed>

Gene Activity in an Entire Globular-Stage Seed Immediately After Fertilization

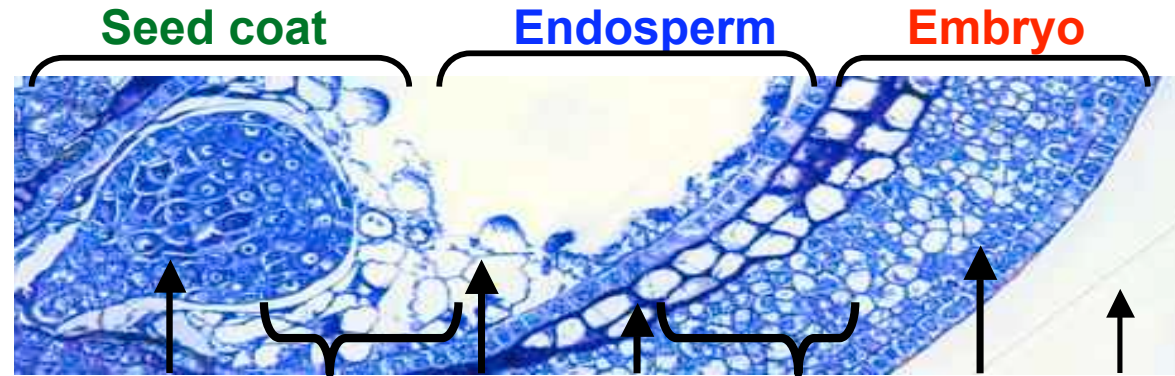


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Unique mRNAs	74	96	98	39	37	36	23	49
Unique TF mRNAs	5	17	11	3	4	2	2	6
Shared mRNAs	9025							

* The present call in globular stage is defined as “present” at least in two biological replicates. One factor ANOVA $p > 0.05$

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Note: Unique genes are specific at the level of the GeneChip and within the seed

Globular-Stage Seed Compartments Have a Unique Set of Transcription Factor Genes

Outer Integument: 36 (2)

1 bZip
1 Zinc Finger

Inner Integument: 37 (4)

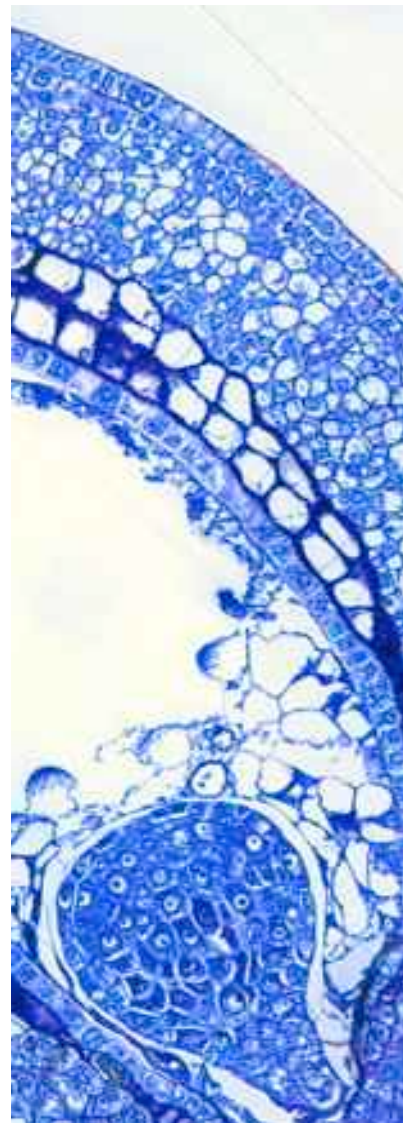
1 General (TFIIA-L)
1 Homeodomain
1 MADS, MYB

Endosperm: 98 (11)

3 Zinc Finger (Dof 2)
2 WRKY
1 ARF (ARF8), bHLH, JUMONJI
1 MADS-Box (PISTILLATA)
1 NAC Domain (NAM)
1 Polycomb Group (TRX1)

Embryo Proper: 96 (17)

4 MYB (MYB 44)
3 Homeodomain (STM, WOX2)
2 IAA (IAA8), bHLH, Zinc Finger
1 bZip (OBF4), WRKY, G2-like
1 GRAS (Scarecrow-like)



Hilum: 49 (6)

3 bHLH (PIF4)
1 Zinc Finger (IDD11),
1 MYB (MYB 111)
1 Aux/IAA (SOLITARY ROOT)

Epidermis: 23 (2)

1 AP2/EREBP
1 bZip

Endothelium: 39 (3)

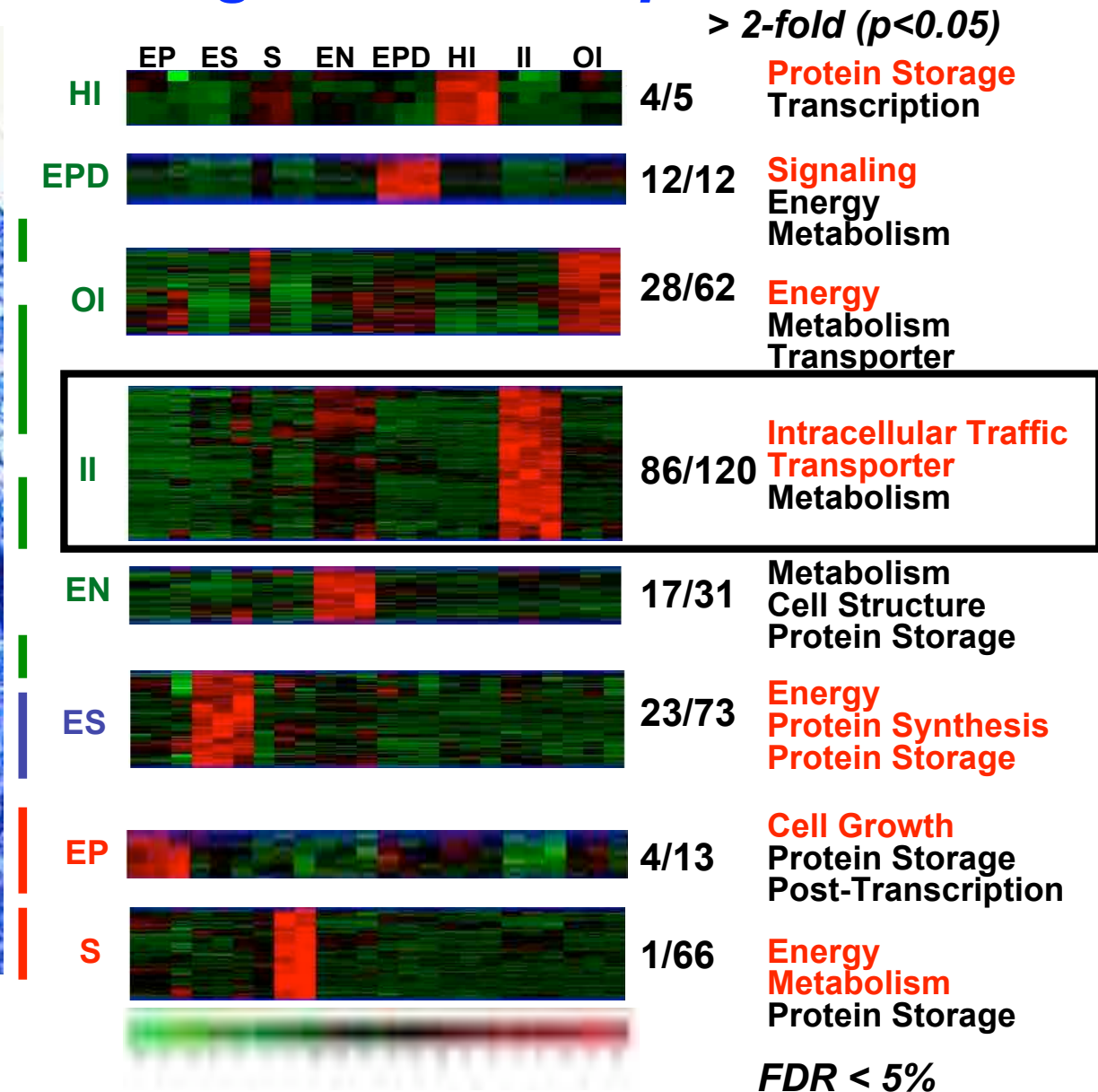
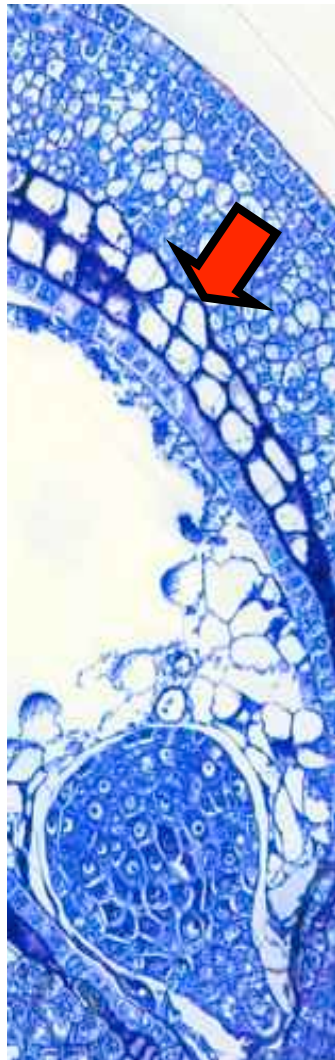
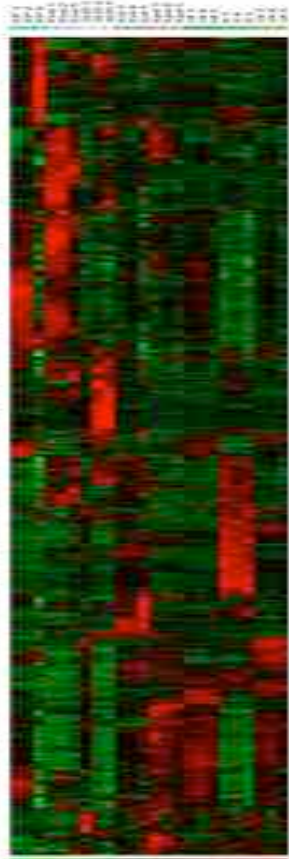
2 Zinc Finger
1 WRKY

Suspensor: 74 (5)

2 WRKY
1 ARF (ARF16)
1 NAC Domain
1 Zinc Finger

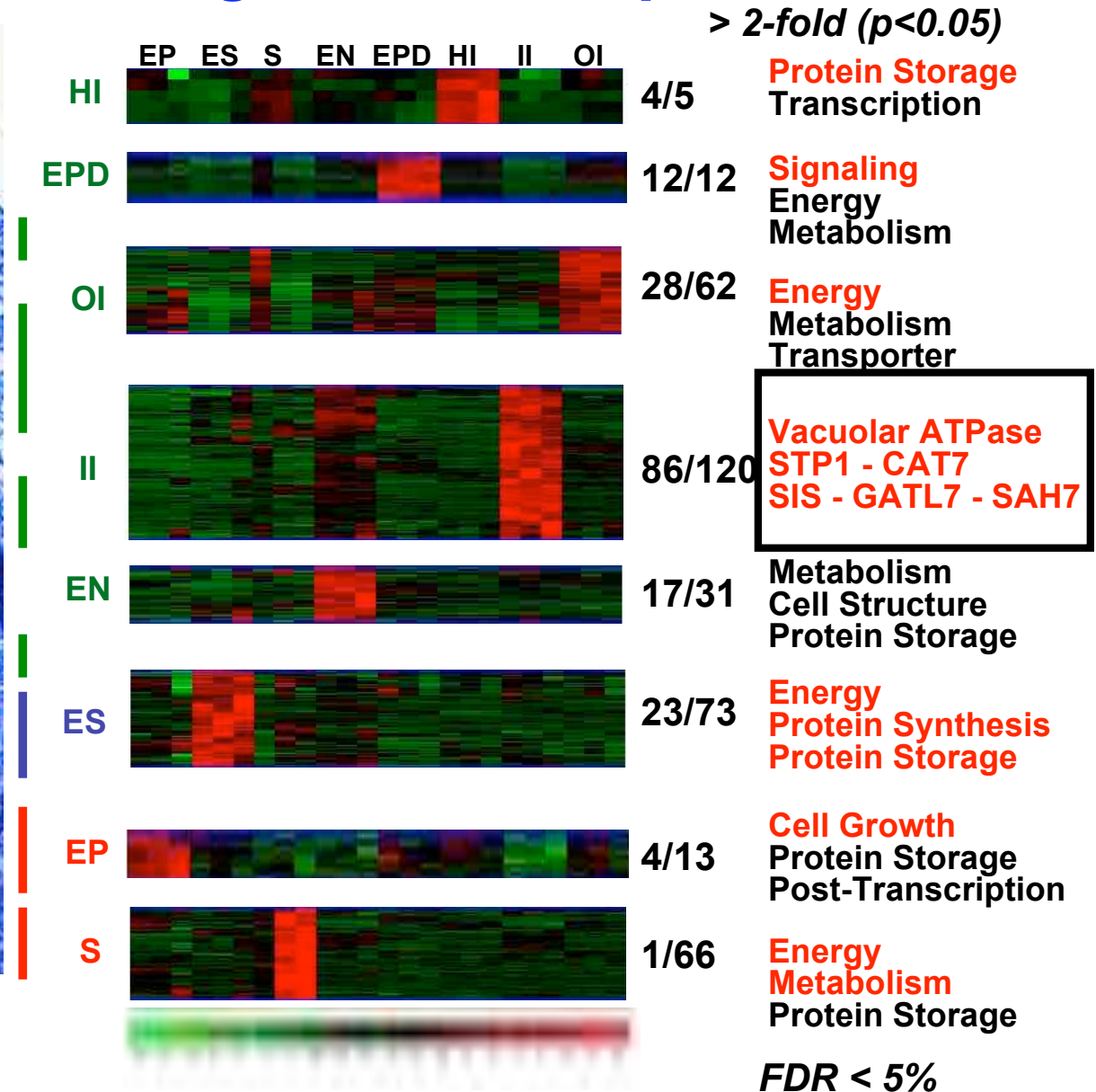
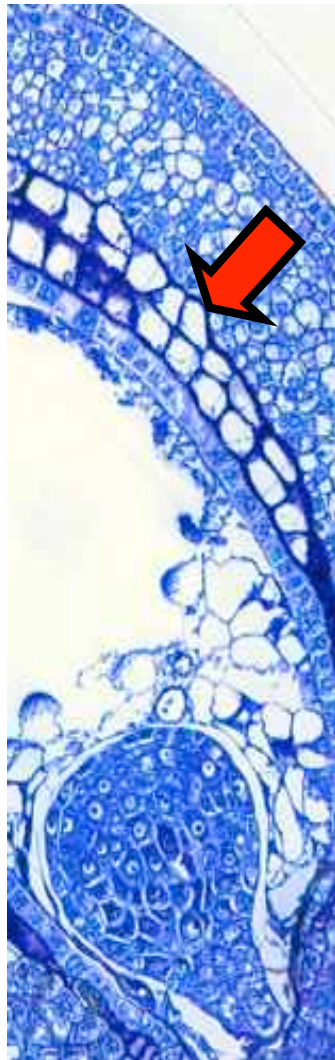
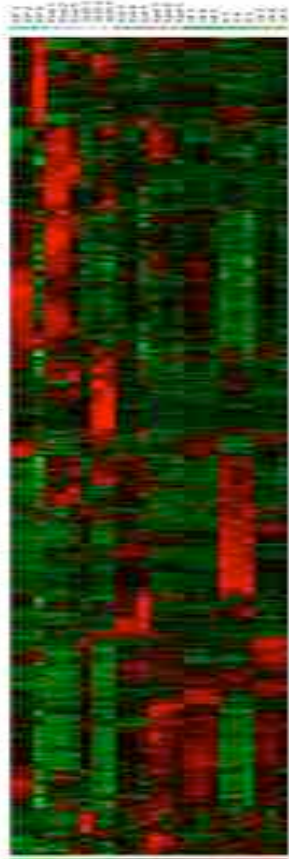
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Top 2000 Varying mRNAs

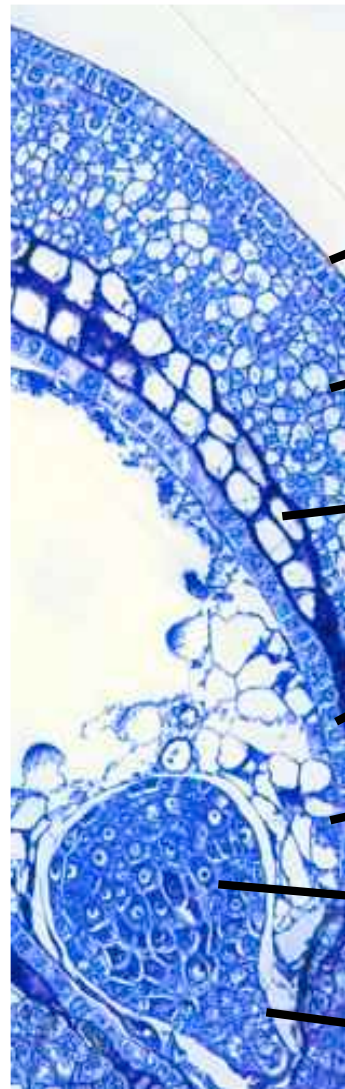


Quantitative Regulation of mRNAs Shared by Soybean Globular-Stage Seed Compartments

Top 2000 Varying mRNAs



How Many Genes Are Active in a Globular-Stage Soybean Seed?



Hilum
16,153 (1,057)

Epidermis
13,451 (837)

Outer Integument
16,402 (1,073)

Inner Integument
14,767 (927)

Endothelium
15,274 (950)

Endosperm
13,880 (848)

Embryo Proper
16,998 (1,100)

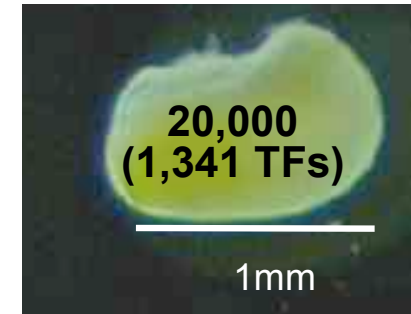
Suspensor
14,177 (909)

Whole Mount

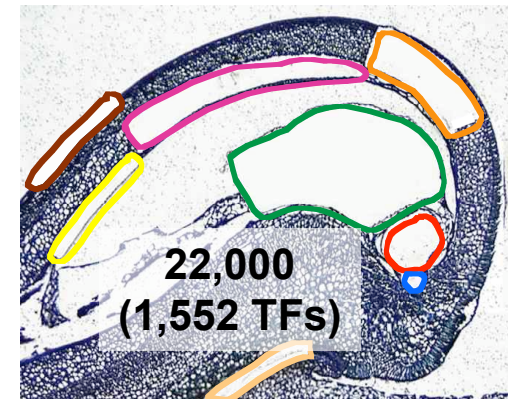
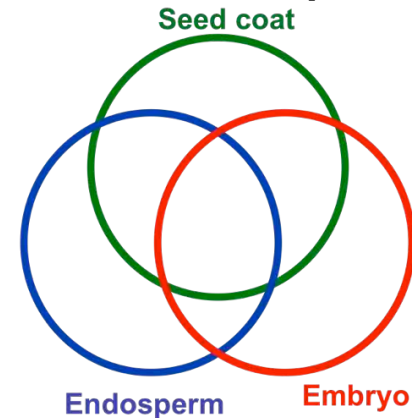
**Union of LCM
mRNA Sets**

**At the Level of
GeneChip Detection!**

Note: Minimum Numbers!!

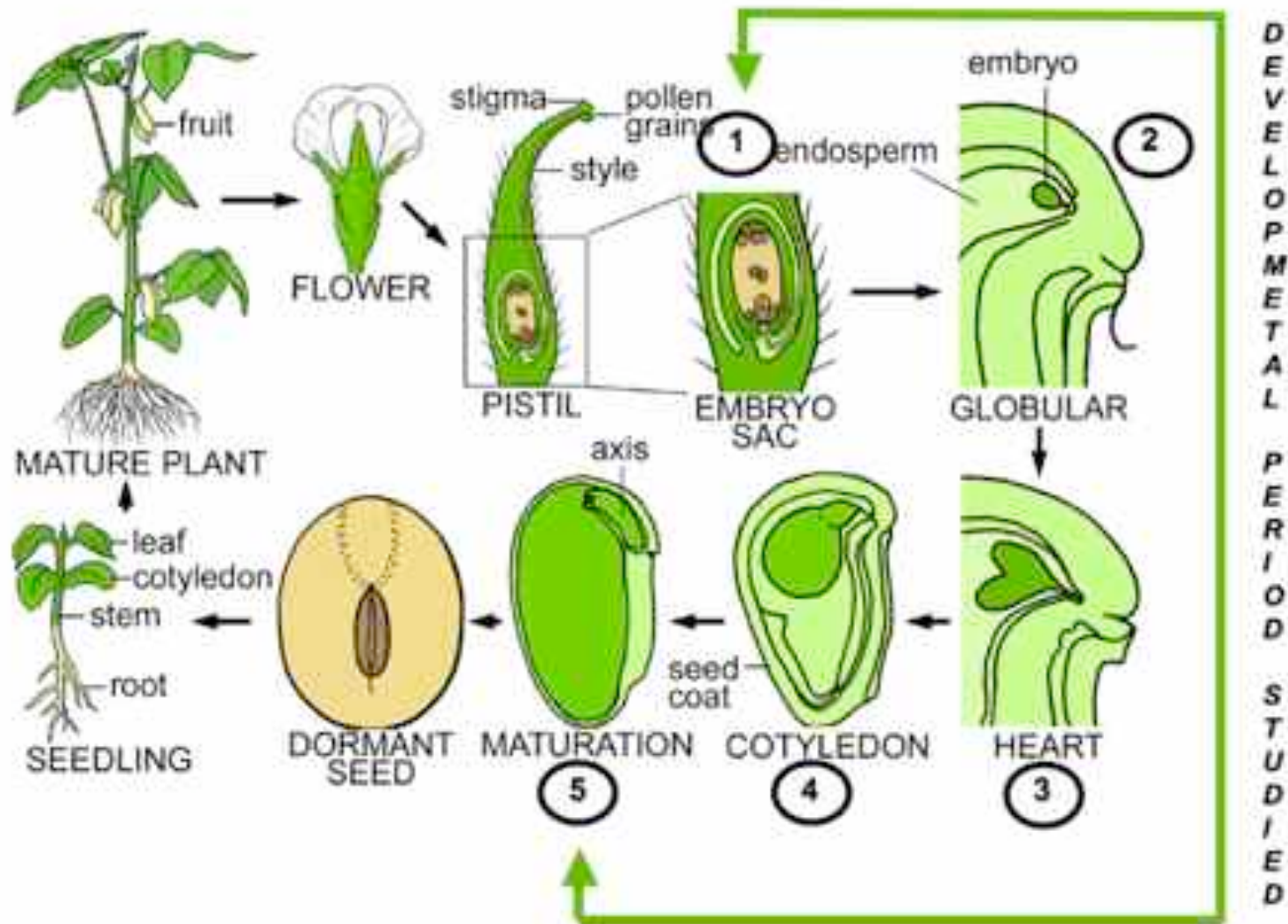


Union of Seed Compartments



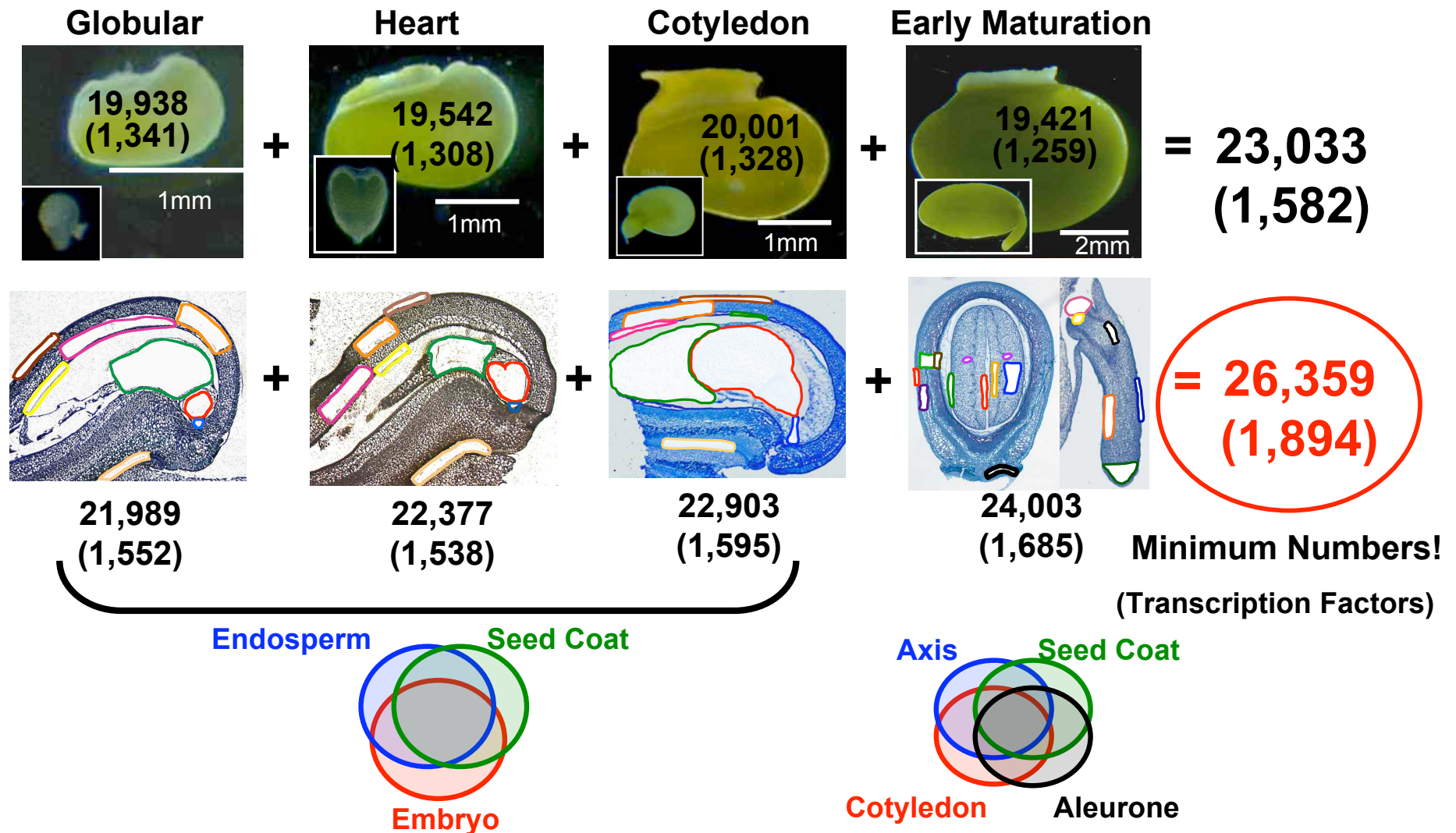
(Transcription Factors)

What Are The Genes Required to Program Every Compartment, Tissue, and Cell Type During Soybean Seed Development?



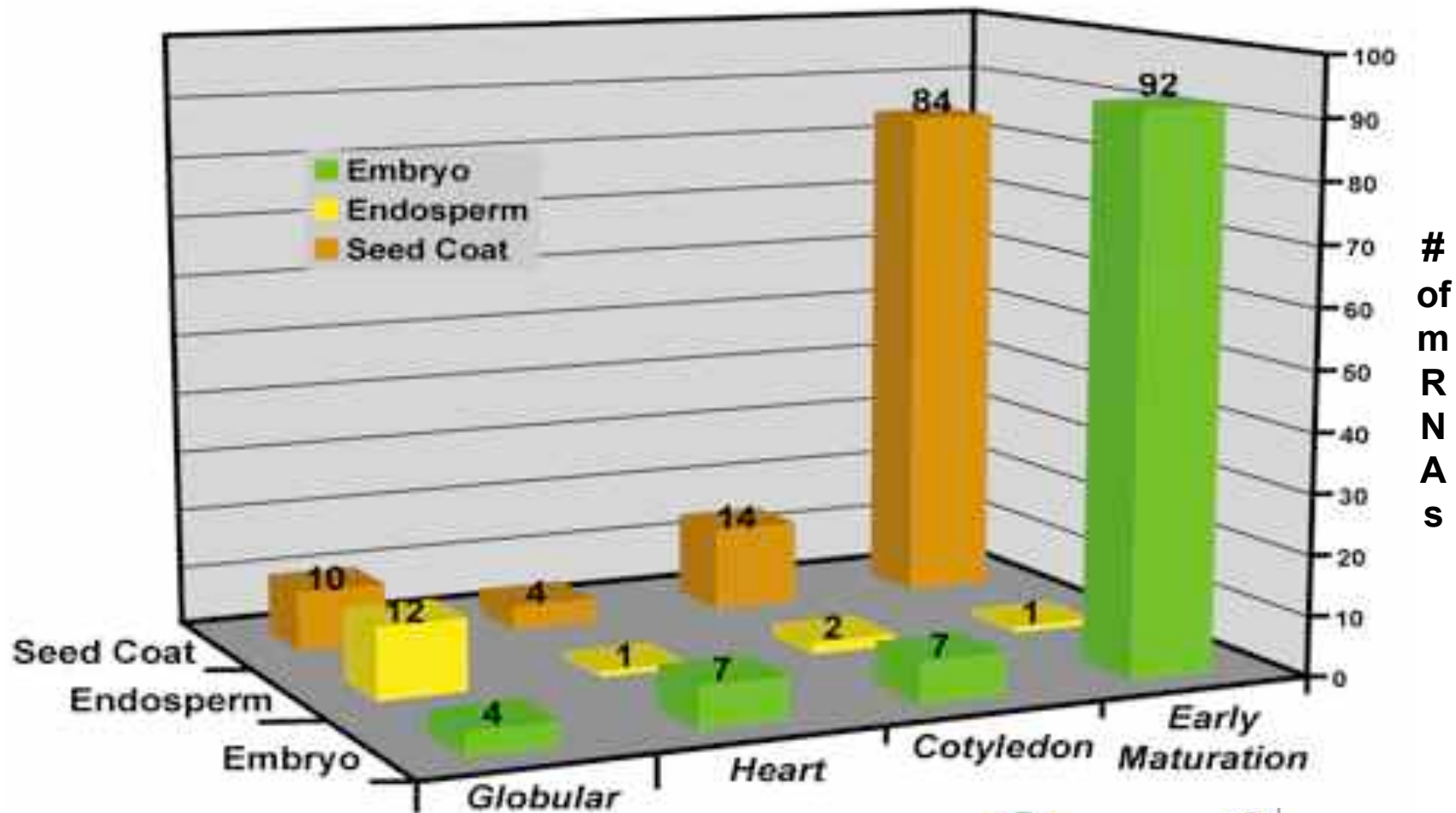
Note: Numbers Refer to Specific Seed Stages Studied

How Many Genes Are Required to Program Soybean Seed Development?

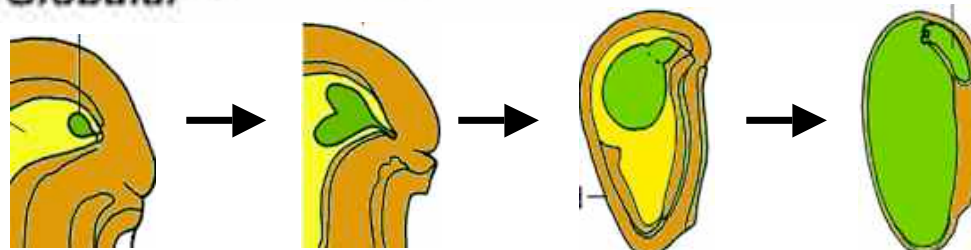


40 Compartments & Tissues Profiled- More than 3.7 Million Data Points!!

Each Soybean Seed Compartment Has a Unique Set of mRNA at Different Developmental Stages

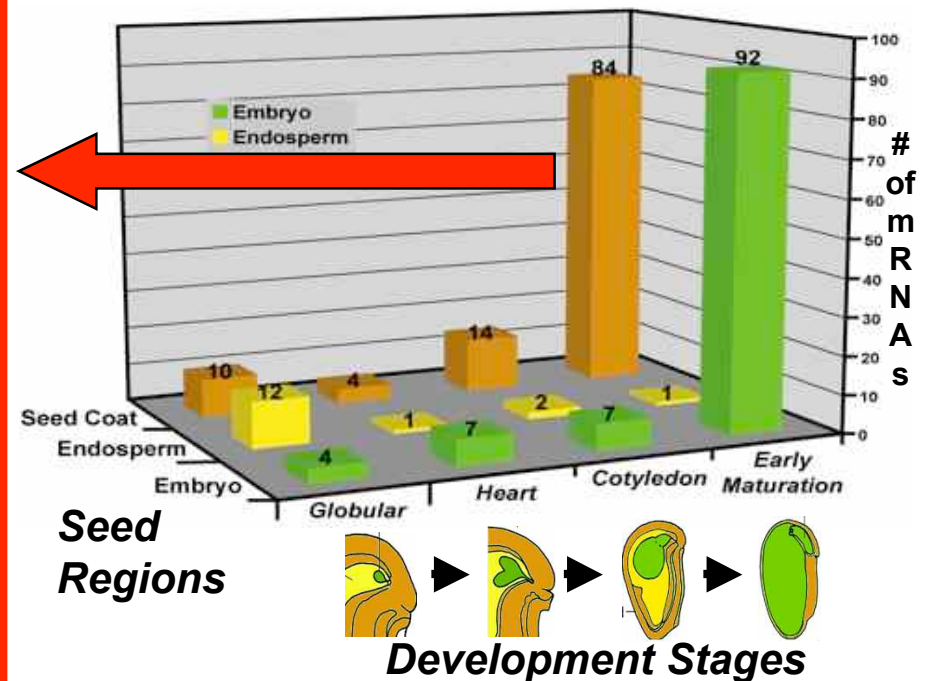
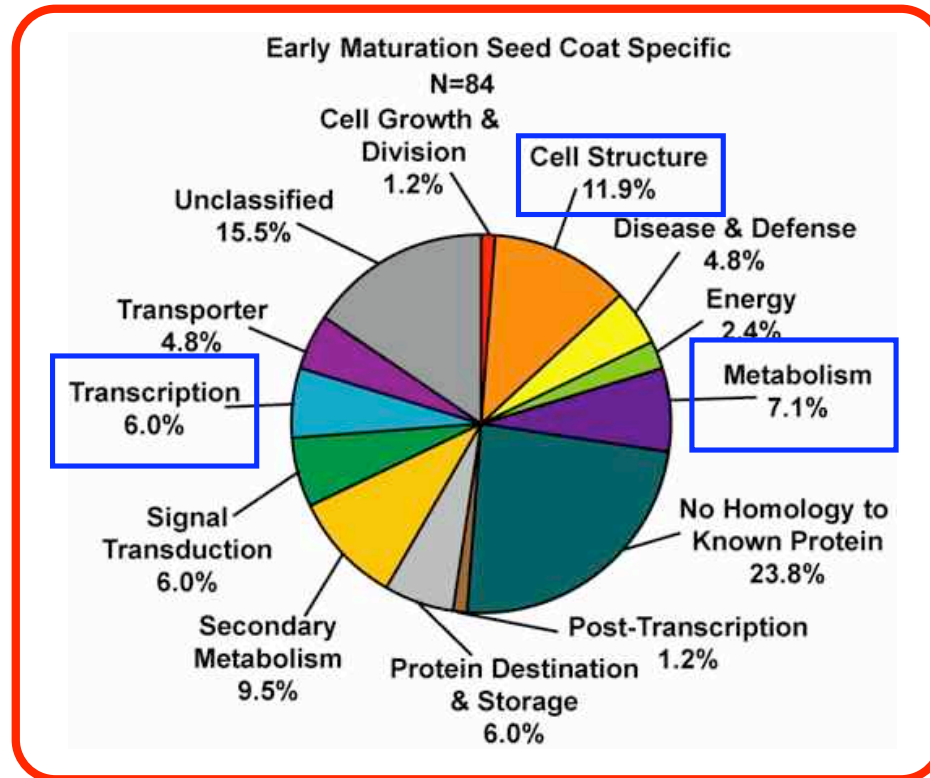


Seed Regions



Development Stages

Each Soybean Seed Compartment Has a Unique Set of mRNA at Different Developmental Stages (e.g., Seed Coat)



Cell Structure

Cellulose Synthase
(CESA8, CESA4, IRX3)
Pectinacetylesterase Family
Glucan 1,3-beta-glucosidase



Cell Wall Enzymes

Secondary Metabolism

BANYULS (DFR)
TRANSPARENT TESTA 10
Isoflavone Reductase Homolog
2OG-Fe(II) Oxygenase



Brown Color Enzymes

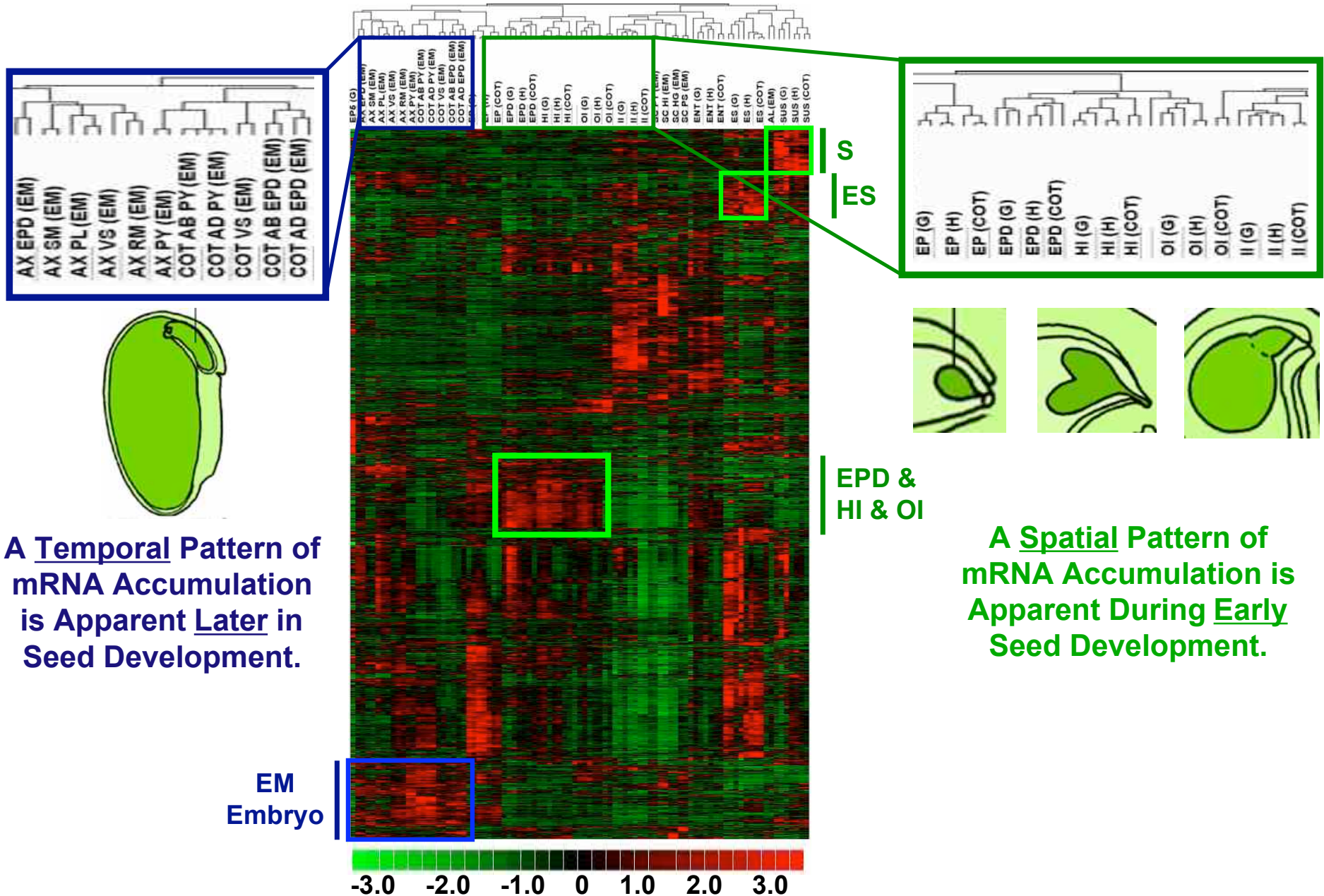
Transcription

SCARECROW-LIKE 3
C2H2 Zinc Finger
B-Box Type Zinc Finger



Gene Regulators

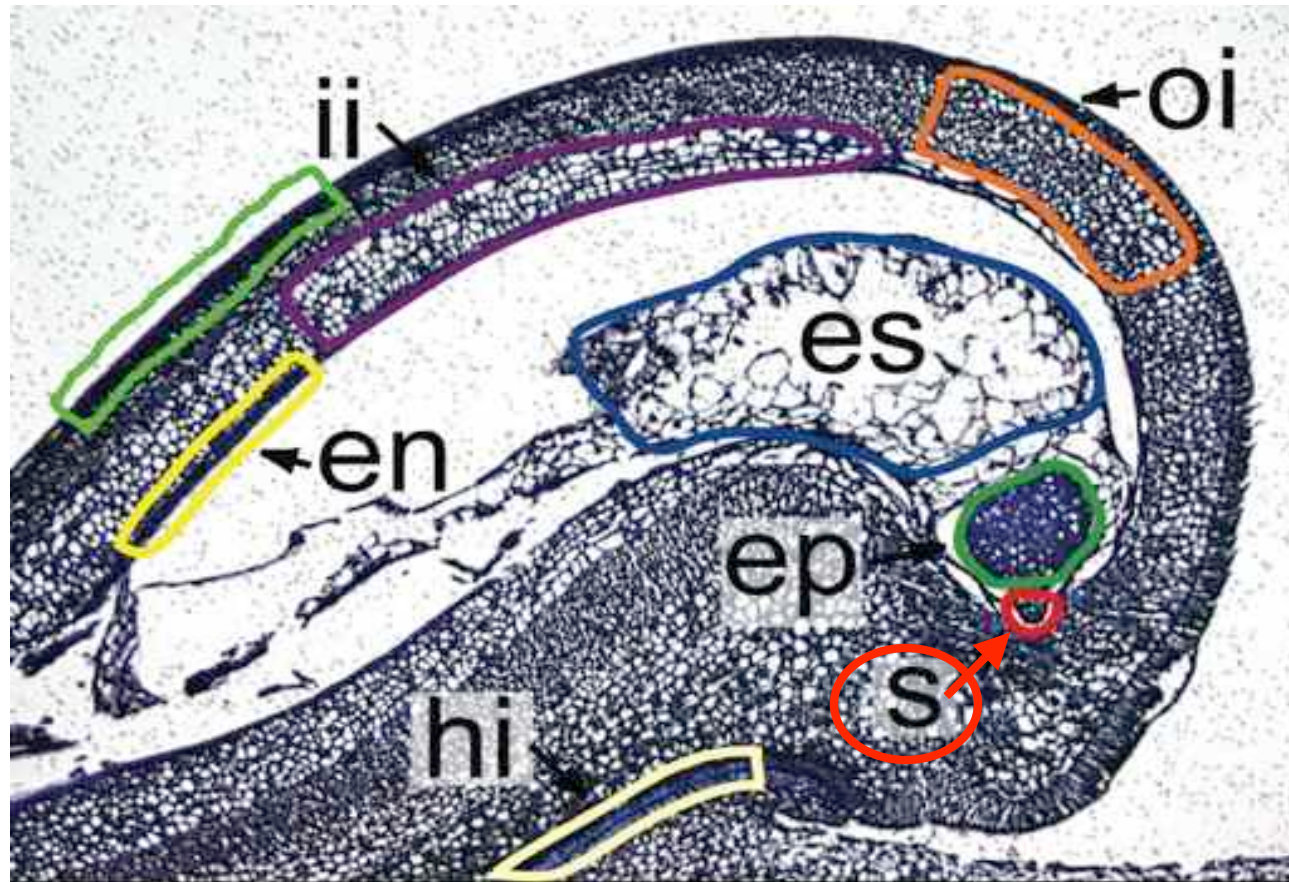
What Are The Major Patterns of Gene Activity During Soybean Seed Development?



A Temporal Pattern of mRNA Accumulation is Apparent Later in Seed Development.

A Spatial Pattern of mRNA Accumulation is Apparent During Early Seed Development.

How Are Genes Activated in Different Seed Compartments Following Fertilization?



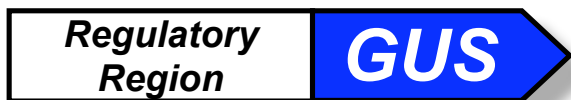
For Example.... in the Suspensor-an Embryonic Nurse Cell

What Are the DNA Regulatory Sequences Important for Activating Transcription in the Suspensor?

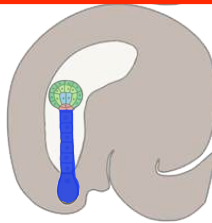
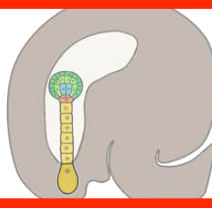
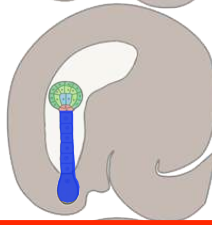
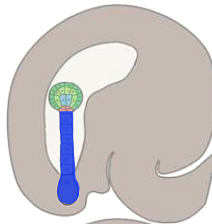
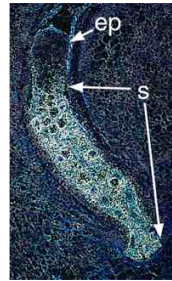
Suspensor-Specific Gene



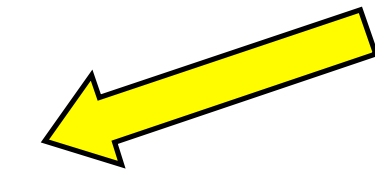
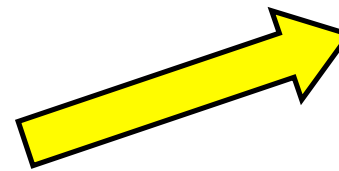
Fuse Regulatory Region to GUS Reporter Gene



Mutated Region



Transformation



Observe Promoter Activity



Tobacco Plant

Mutation Destroyed Suspensor Control Sequence!!!

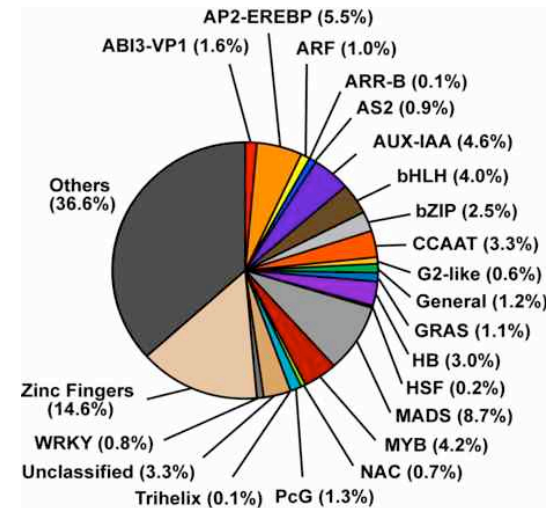
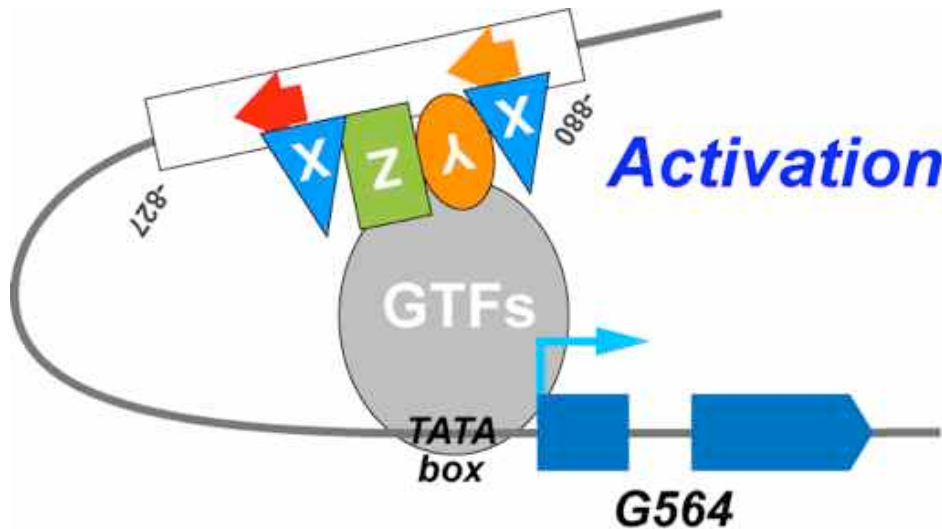
What Are the cis-Regulatory Sequences Important for Transcription in the Suspensor?

 : 10-bp Motif
 : 10bp-like Motif

Conserved Sequences!



Necessary and Sufficient!



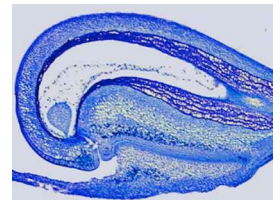
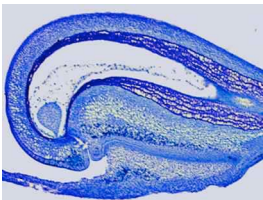
**Transcription Factors Found in SRB Suspensor
(N = 3,107)**



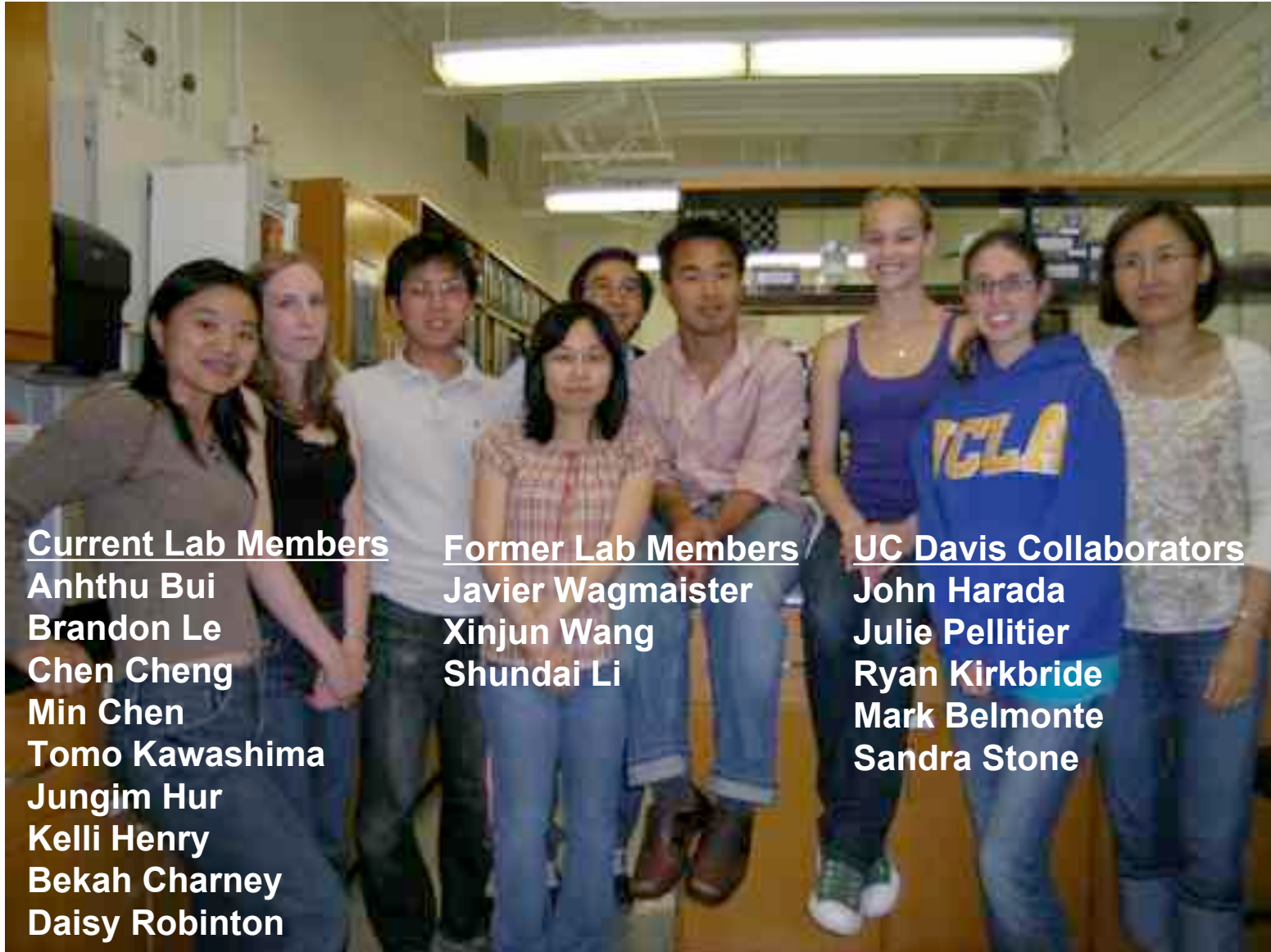
Summary: “How To Make A Seed”



- ***At Least 15,000 Diverse mRNAs Are Present in Each Seed Compartment, Region, and/or Tissue***
- ***At Least 22,000- 24,000 Diverse mRNAs Are Present in a Seed as a Whole Depending on the Stage (i.e., Genes Required to “Make a Seed”)***
- ***At Least 26,000 Diverse mRNAs Are Required to Program Seed Development***
- ***Most Diverse mRNAs are Shared by Different Compartments, Regions, and Tissues -- Many Are Quantitatively Regulated***
- ***Each Compartment Region, and Tissue Has a Small Set of “Specific” mRNAs, Including Those Encoding Transcription Factor mRNAs***
- ***Sequences Are Beginning to Be Identified That Activate Transcription in Different Seed Regions***



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***How Will Seed Yields Be Increased in
the Future?***

***As We Always Have.....By Using the
Best Cutting-Edge Science!!!***



Plant Genome Projects Are Identifying Genes Essential For Increasing Crop Yields!!

Plant Genomes Sequenced To Date

- ***Arabidopsis***
- ***Rice***
- ***Poplar Tree***



- ***Soybean***
- ***Corn***
- ***Medicago***



- ***Papaya***
- ***Grape***
- ***Castor Bean***



These Genes Will Help Increase Food Production Significantly in the 21st Century To Feed Our Growing Population

Yield (Developmental Traits)

- **Seed Number**
- **Seed Size**
- **Growth Rate**
- **Organ Size (More Seeds)**
- **Plant Architecture**
- **Flowering Time**
- **Senescence**
- **Maturity**
- **Stature**

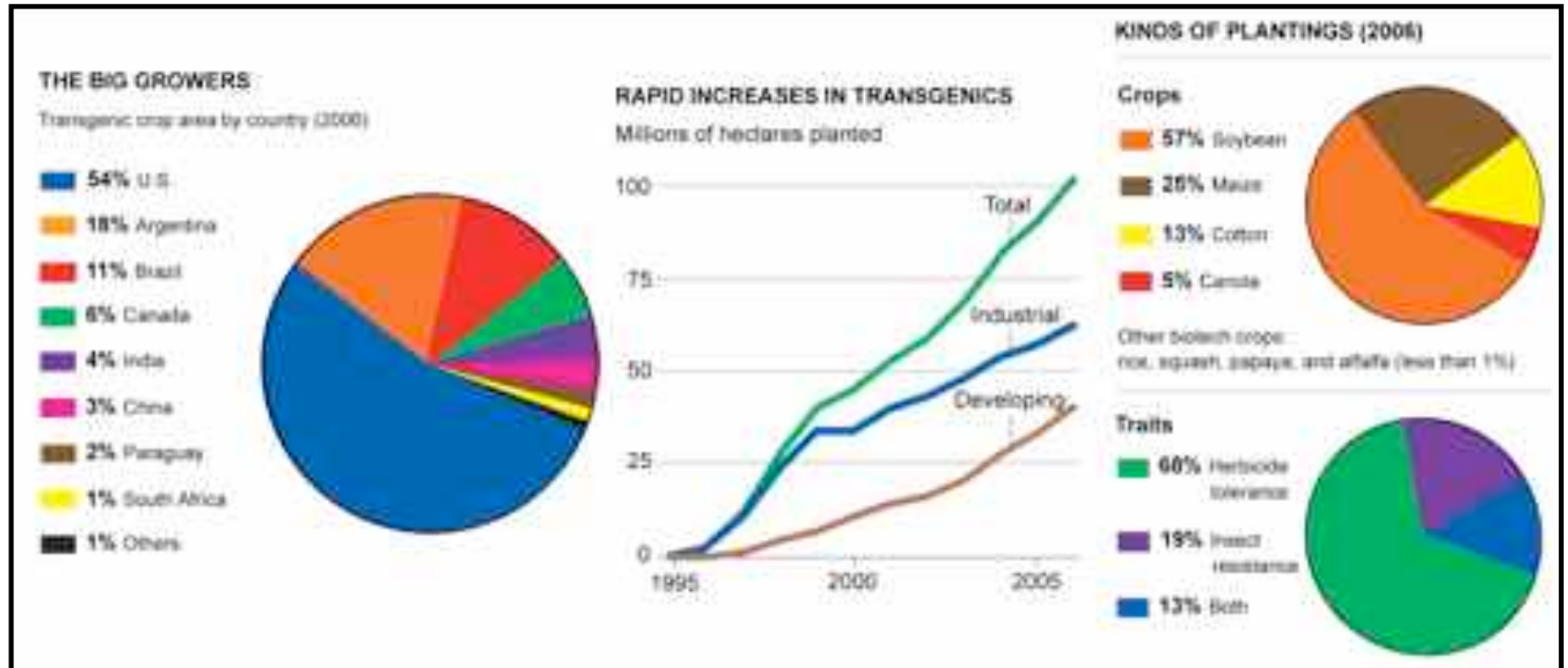


Yield (Stress Traits)

- **Nutrient Uptake**
- **Drought Resistance**
- **Heat Resistance**
- **Cold Tolerance**
- **Salt Tolerance**
- **Shade Tolerance**
- **Disease Resistance**

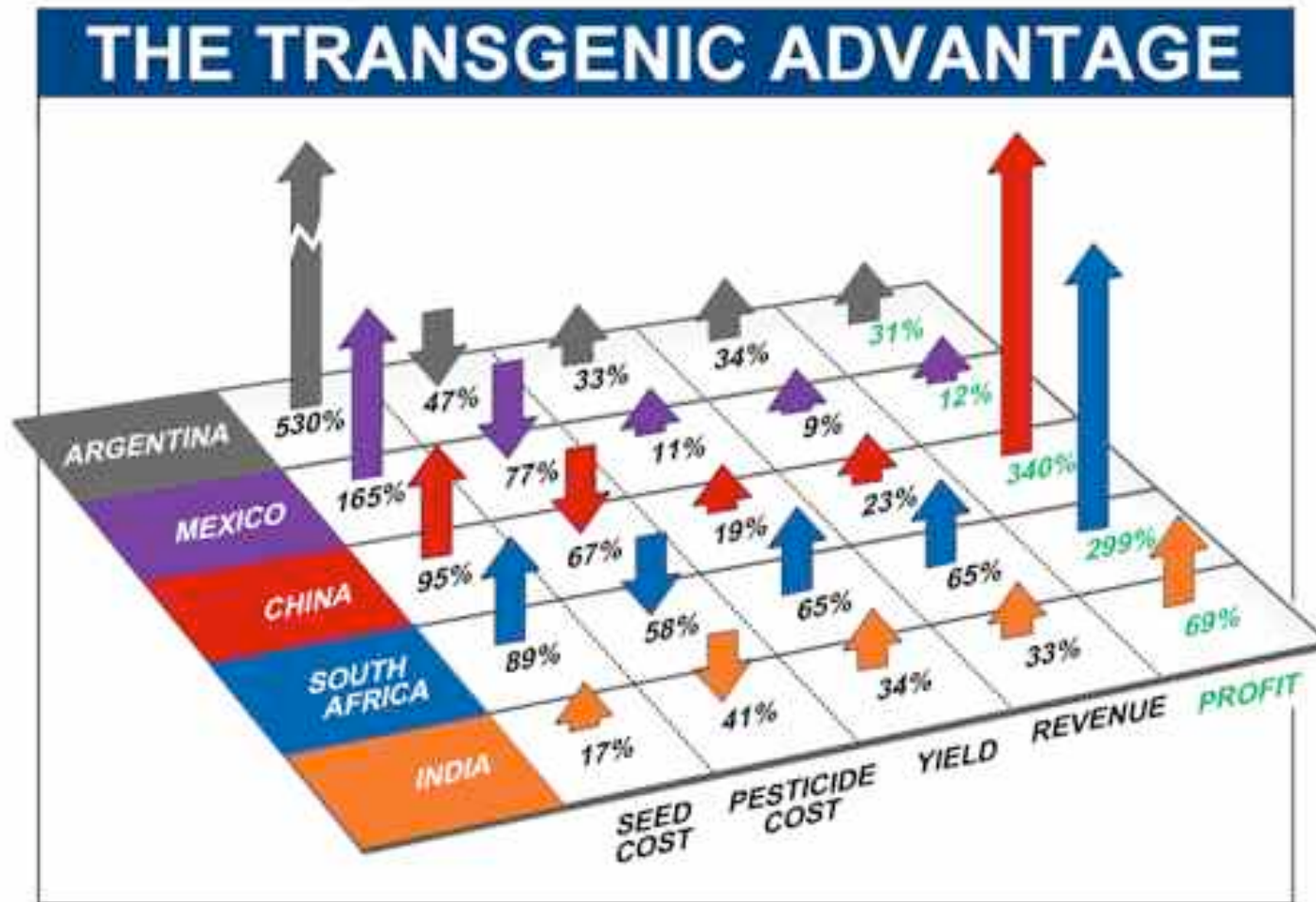
Rice

One Way is to Use These New Traits in Engineered Crops That Farmers Have Adopted Faster Than Any New Agricultural Technology In the Past 100 Years!



Over One Billion Acres of Bioengineered Crops Have Been Grown World-Wide Since 1996 and 250 Million Acres in 2007

Engineered Crops Have Increased Yields, Reduced Pesticide Use, and Increased Incomes of Farmers in the Developing World



United Nations FAO Report No. 35, 2003-04; Scientific American, September, 2007

However...There's a Battle Raging to Get Bioengineered Crops Adopted in Many Parts of the World



***.....And This Has an Effect on the Lives of
People...Especially in the Developing World***

***Outside of Delhi, India
With Journalist Barun Mitra***





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The End.....or Is It the Beginning?



A Giant Seed!